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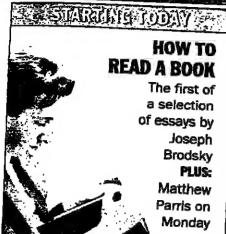
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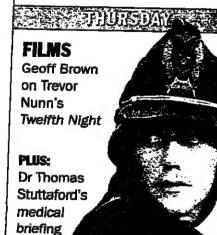


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# Frances Lawrence's call to tackle violence receives widespread support

# Party leaders back widow's manifesto

By JILL SHERMAN AND JOANNA BALE

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair yesterday supported Frances Lawrence's call for a national movement to tackle violence and promote good citizenship. Both party leaders praised Mrs

Lawrence, whose headmaster husband was murdered at the end of last year, and endorsed her personal manifesto to reverse the deterioration of society. She also also received backing from Pad-dy Ashdownand leaders of the Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs Lawrence, whose recom-

mendations are published in The Times today, would like to see a nationwide grassroots move-ment, led by teachers, the police and parents, "dedicated to healing our fractured society and banishing violence".

She has also called for schools to provide lessons in good citizenship at an early age, a ban on the sale of combat knives, less violence on television, and the promotion of the family unit.

Her initiative was yesterday welcomed by the Prime Minister, who said: "We have all admired the dignity that Frances Lawrence has shown in the face of this tragic murder of her husband. I entirely share her wish to ensure that this tragedy becomes a focus for a movement to tackle the problem of violence in our

Mr Blair also gave broad backing to Mrs Lawrence's programme and promised that Labour would make lessons on good citizenship part of the national

curriculum. "I warmly endorse the thrust of what Frances Lawrence says," he said. "I am delighted that she has spoken out in this way. The issues she raises should be at the centre of the political debate. They cross traditional left and right boundaries and that is no bad thing."

Mrs Lawrence believes that parents should encourage their children to think creatively rather than "exiling" them to their bedrooms with videos or computer games. She asks: "Is it not horrifying to hear a child airily dismiss reading books because

Five teenagers were held for questioning by south London police after Anthony Savage, 16, died from head injuries sustained during a gang fight in Woolwich at the weekend.

he has information on a computer?" And she calls for more children to go to school on foot rather than in cars "like freight

As well as citizenship, politics - in the broadest sense - should be taught at an early age so that children are taught to think seriously about the nature and progression of the country. Children should understand that "dilemmas are not solved in three episodes of a soap opera" she

Mr Major made clear that his election campaign would focus on many of the issues raised by

Mrs Lawrence. Consideration was being given to including civic responsibility in the national curriculum. legislation was already on the statute books to ban the sale of knives to those under 16, and the Government had recently acted to tighten video licensing procedures.

Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, said: "Frances Lawrence has spoken for many people who believe that our society needs to rediscover moral and spiritual values. I am grateful to her. I would like to urge that special attention be given to the family, schools and parishes, which should be the key formative influences in the lives

of young people."
The Rt Rev Nigel McCulloch,
Bishop of Wakefield and chairman of the Church of England's communications committee, said: "I would want to back her campaign very firmly. I believe that if we continue to move away from the Judeo-Christian roots which have enabled us in the past to understand the difference been right and wrong and to care for our neighbours, then we will become a very selfish and violent society."

Peter Conroy, whose daughter Nikki Conroy was stabbed to death at her school in Middlesbrough in 1994, said he and his wife Diane would "certainly give Mrs Lawrence any support she would need".

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Frances Lawrence and her son Lucien. She wants good to come from her family tragedy

# Row over single-currency tax shakes German coalition

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE German governing contition was badly shaken at the weekend by a fierce dispute over how to raise sufficient tax revenue to plug the budget deficit and stay on target to meet the criteria for entering the European monetary

"Cheats!" shouted the front page headline of the mass circulation Bild am Sonntag, accusing the junior coalition partner Free Democrats of betraying an earlier promise to cut taxes. During negotiations last week, Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, told the Free Democrats that they would either have to abandon their

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

ROBERT MORTON set out to

build his dream home, complete

with indoor swimming pool, after moving from London to a

In three years he transformed

Morton's Lot, even though his pay

was cut. It was possible because

much of it - the bath, the sink, the

lavatory, the fencing, a garden

seat, the patio and even the front

gate and the posts which held it up

- came from British Rail, where

he worked as a maintenance

supervisor. Even the loft floor was

made from BR wood.

smallholding in Lincolnshire.

promises or accept an increase in petrol tax: there was no other way of closing the £2.5 billion gap in xt year's Budget.

The argument has put a real strain on the cohesion of the Bonn Government and has overshadowed Helmut Kohl's opening speech to the Christian Democrat party congress today.
His speech will include a broad

hint that he intends to stand for reelection in October 1998. The move is sure to gain his party's hearty approval, but the budget crisis has cast some doubt on whether the Government can hold together for In London, Eddie George, Gov-

ernor of the Bank of England, urged Britain last night to be ready

Thief jailed for taking work home

some of them working on Sunday

But the indoor swimming pool

proved to be Morton's downfall

after part for the £4,000 frame was

delivered to his work by mistake. It

prompted British Transport Police

to investigate Morton, who had

been suspended without pay for

construction and 350 paving slabs

and £600 worth of strip lighting.

ordered through work, were

stacked up ready for installation.

The house that BR built is now

due to be repossessed and Morton,

Lincoln Crown Court was told.

Police found the pool under

two weeks for stealing cement.

overtime rates.

to enter the European single currency at the start of 1999, the deadline for the first round of

monetary union. Speaking on BBC2's Money Programme Mr George, who refused to endorse or condemn the merits of joining a single currency, said: "I regard it as absolutely fundamental that Britain should be ready on I January 1999 to prosper whether the decision is that we should join or whether the decision is that we should stay out."

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eight charges of theft of property

from BR. He asked for a further 25

similar matters, involving more than £13,000, to be considered

before being sentenced to IS

More than 150 items were re-

moved after being identified as

having been taken from work.

although Morton said that many

of the tools found in his workshop

were on loan because he did some

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#### Helmet campaign

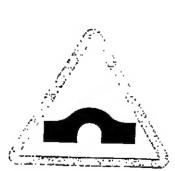
Police officers are strongly resisting plans to replace the traditional helmet with cycling-style headgear that can withstand a blow from a baseball bat. More than half of 12.700 officers surveyed were against the change.

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk

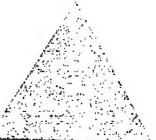


His barrister, Hugh Davies, said Morton, who owed £20,000 to loan companies, faced ruin. He blamed his problems on a change in jobs which led to a £7,000 a year

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# Government takes populist line in Queen's Speech

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GRANT-maintained schools, accident victims and owners of stately homes will all benefit from this week's Queen Speech, but pensioners, black-cab drivers and couples who want to adopt are likely to be

John Major has jettisoned five difficult Bills to clear the way for a general election in the spring. He intends to concentrate instead on eight populist Bills, most of which he hopes will embarrass Labour in the final stages of this Parliament. When the Queen arrives at the Prime Minister's main targets as the economy, tougher sentencing

and selective education.

With a majority of only two, the Government wants to avoid confrontations with its own backbenchers, so Bills on adoption, care for the elderly and identity cards have been dropped. The proposal to end legal immunity for essential-service unions which strike will be only a Green Paper.

Plans to privatise Channel 4 and tackle "cowboy" minicab firms have also been dropped and proposals on stalking will take the form of a Private Member's Bill. The National Heritage Memori-

most contentious remaining Bills. because it will enable owners of stately homes to benefit from lottery funds if the public has access to their grounds. The Govemment will argue that, unless more state cash is forthcoming for repair bills, some of Britain's oldest aristocratic families may have to part with their homes. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is keen to ensure that the largest

preserved for public access. The Bill has tentative cross-party support, but many backbench Labour MPs are appalled. They have made clear that they consider it

homes, and their contents, are

classiess society and then use public money to support the gentry. Another Bill that could cause difficulties for the whips is the Gun Control Bill. The Government wants the Bill, outlawing all handguns except 22 pistols, to become law by Christmas. Labour is call-

ing for a free vote on the banning of

all guns and several Tory MPs are

threatening to rebel.

Most of the Government's proposed Bills are designed to appeal core middle-class supporters who have been toying with voting for Labour. The Education Bill would allow state schools to select a proportion of pupils without local

grant-maintained schools to expand and set up nurseries. Labour vill oppose all the measures except a clause requiring parents to sign home-school contracts.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will have the busiest schedule. He will take through a Crime Bill, imposing life sentences for second-time rapists and minimum sentences for burglars and drug dealers, as well as steering through the Gun Control Bill.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, will be in charge of a Fraud Bill which would allow the Benefits Agency to examine Inland Revenue data. sharpening its fight

mitted to cutting fraud, it may find it hard to oppose the measures. Mr Lilley will also oversee the Compensation Recovery Bill. which will enable accident victims to keep all the cash damages they receive for pain and suffering, rather than having to recompense the state for benefit payments. Instead, insurance companies will

than £40 million a year. Stephen Dorrell will pilot a Primary Health Care Bill which could pave the way for general practitioners' surgeries to be at-

have to reimburse all benefits paid

Treasury hopes will save more

tached to supermarkets. It will also establish a new era of cottage hospitals, with GPs performing

minor surgery.

Mr Major has announced that the Government will include measures on the decommissioning of terrorist weapons, which will enable people to hand over illegally weapons without facing

The Finance Bill will take up much of the first two months and will enact the Chancellor's Budget statement. Labour MPs will have to decide whether to abstain on tax cuts or oppose them.

Peter Riddell. page 20

# Major rejects MPs' role in dismissal of ministers

By Valerie Elliot, whitehall editor, and Jill Sherman

THE Prime Minister has infire ministers in spite of a select committee proposal that any minister who misleads Parliament should resign.

The Government is expected to announce its revised code for ministers later this week in response to the Public Service Select Committee report on ministerial accountability. It is likely to take a softer stance than the committee and reconmend instead that ministers who mislead Parliament should immediately rectify the situation and inform the House of Commons.

A recent missive from No 10 to the Cabinet Office states bluntly that the Queen appoints ministers on the advice of the Prime Minister, who reserves the right to decide his Government. The tone of the brief note was unequivocal that Mr Major expected this tradition to remain.

His intervention formed the basis of government discussions on how hest to respond to the committee's report. The Cabinet has now accepted the need for a code of conduct for ministers and MPs in relation their dealings with

But the code is likely to be a watered-down version of that proposed by the committee, our MP Giles Radice. The committee proposed a resolurion on accountability which stated: "The House will expect ministers who do knowingly mislead it to resign." However, this has been

rejected for the narrower formula of ensuring that the correct information is put before the House as soon as possible. Ministers have still to decide whether MPs should vote on such a resolution after every Queen's speech or after the election of each new

A Tory member of the

committee said yesterday that he fully agreed with Mr Major's stance: "It is for the Prime Minister to appoint and dismiss ministers and it would be quite wrong if Parliament were to dictate this. But I would point out, as I believe the select committee did, that if a minister fails to keep the confidence of Parliament in the Commons or the Lords, it is unlikely the Prime Minister

David Hanson, a Labour MP on the committee, said: "The Labour members all felt

would wish to keep him in his

# Tories block changes to method of electing leader

SENIOR Tory MPs are blocking moves by the leadership to give party members a vote for the first time in leadership contests (Andrew Pierce writes).

The changes, which are under consideration at Conservative Central Office, would have given the rank-and-file 20 per cent of the vote in return for surrendering some of their exclusive power over the choice of candidates. Central Office would have been able to impose candidates for interview, most of whom

leadership is dismayed that it will have only about 20 women MPs compared with an anticipated 90 for Labour after the next election.

The process is being fiercely possed by officers of the 1922 Committee, who refuse to surrender any of their powers over the choice of leader. One said: "We goard that privilege jealously. This is not going to happen." The changes would be the most radical since 1965, when Sir Edward Heath became the first leader elected by MPs.

very strongly that ministers who mislead Parliament should resign and I would be very surprised if it was acceptable to Labour MPs if the Government thought to water

down our recommendation." He said that the committee had sought to ensure that the code be put on a statutory basis. "It should be binding on ministers for all time. But I think a resolution introduced for each new Parliament would be sufficient.

The select committee examined the issue of ministerial accountability after the clash between Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and Derek Lewis, the former head of the Prison Service. The issues highlighted in its report have been given extra weight by the Scott inquiry's findings that ministers gave misleading answers to Parliament.

Next month Labour will unveil its own plans to strengthen party discipline. A working party reviewing the code of conduct for MPs is expected to recommend that withdrawal of the whip should be easier. One option is to introduce a disciplinary charge for bringing the party into disrepute, particularly if they persistently criticise the Labour leadership.



Elizabeth Law, of the Shooters' Rights Association

# Gun lobby may challenge Forsyth

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

AN OPPONENT of the Government's plan to ban most handguns is considering challenging the Scottish Sec-retary, whose seat includes Dunblane, at the general

Elizabeth Law might stand constituency as a candidate for the Shooters' Rights Association, a lobby group of 6,000 members which advocates licensing of firearms rather than banning them. She is the wife of the association's secretary, Richard Law who has been campaigning against prohibitions.

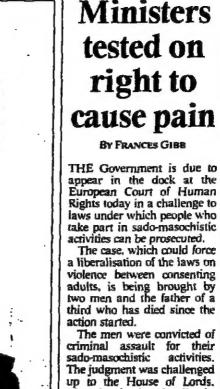
Campaigners for gun control in Dunblane condemned the idea as "sick and insensitive". They were are also unhappy at suggestions that gun clubs might be able to get National Lottery cash to upgrade their premises to meet

new security requirements. The group said it wanted to field a candidate because it was furious that the Government had promised to outlaw the possession of all guns except .22 pistols. It said the measures were a knee-jerk reaction to the massacre of lo children and one teacher at Dunblane Primary School by Thomas Hamilton in March. and would punish responsible sportsmen The Scottish Secretary.

who has a majority of only in Michael Forsyth's Stirling 703, learnt of the latest threat after the Snowdron Campaign, which wants a complete ban on handguns, dropped its plans to field a candidate against him. Ann Pearston, the Snowdrop cofounder, yesterday urged people in Scotland to vote Labour instead because the party has called for an outright ban. The Snowdrop Campaign

ers said they were "appalled and disgusted" at the association's idea. The Scottish Conservatives and the SNP also attacked the move.

But Mr Law said vesterday: "The Government has gone too far. They are scape-goating decent people for police ineptitude, and they should address the real problem instead." Mr Law said the problem lay not in guns but in the licensing of them.



THE Government is due to appear in the dock at the European Court of Human Rights today in a challenge to laws under which people who take part in sado-masochistic activities can be prosecuted.

By Frances GIBB

The case, which could force a liberalisation of the laws on violence between consenting adults, is being brought by two men and the father of a third who has died since the action started.

The men were convicted of criminal assault for their sado-masochistic activities. The judgment was challenged up to the House of Lords. where in a landmark ruling in 1993 the law lords ruled by three to two that consent could not be a defence to charges of wounding or assault occasioning actual bodily harm. Lord Templeman, giving judgment, said: "Society is entitled and bound to protect itself against a cult of violence. Cruelty is

The Government's law reform body, the Law Commission, has proposed a relaxation of the law. The European Commission of Hu-man Rights, which has al-ready ruled on the case, was divided, but came down by It votes to seven in favour of the Government.

The Government will be challenged in a second case in the European Court today over allegations of racial bias in a jury. It is being brought by David Gregory who was convicted of robbery charges at Manchester Crown Court

While the jury was considering the verdict, one juror sent a note to the judge, saying that the jury was showing racial overtones. Mr Gregory is black. Mr Gregory argues his human rights were breached.

#### Duke puts case for Self Help to Bishops

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE Duke of Edinburgh has recommended that evey bist-op in Britain should read a little-known Victorian text which advocates laisses-faire economics and rails against government intervention

The 1859 volume Self Help. by Samuel Smiles, was drawn to the Duke's attention earlier this year by Lord Harris of High Cross, the free-marketeer and founder of right-wing think-tank, the Institute for Economic Affairs.

In a letter thanking Lord Harris for the book, the i should arrange for every bishop in the country to receive a copy. They all seem to confuse self-help and individual responsibility with

But bishops yesterday denied that they were confused over the issue which strikes at the heart of the relationship between the individual and society. "I have read a lot of Smiles and I know where he is coming from." said the Rt Rev Jim Thompson, bishop of Bath and Wells. "I think the Duke has

misjudged us. We want to see individuals gaining in responsibility and encouraging enterprise. But the really tragic thing about society today is that it is becoming increasingly individualistic."

Lord Harris said yesterday he agreed with the Duke that bishops were confused over individual responsibility and

selfishness.
"I think he is absolutely right and I am now looking for sponsors so that I can afford to send copies of the book to 100 bishops. I do tend to wince sometimes at my dear noble Christian friends."

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The campaigners digging in at Thenford Hall

# Heseltine's garden turned into 'mine'

PROTESTERS against open-cast mining invaded Michael Heseltine's front garden yes-terday and dug a 10ft deep hole in the lawn (Alice Thomson writes).

"Heseltine's Bore", as a sign proclaimed, took 50 protesters armed with pickaxes more than four hours to dig. The Deputy Prime Minister, who has said that his garden and arboretum at Thenford Hall, near Banbury, are more important to him than his politics, was not at home.

The group, which included environmentalists and former miners, was watched closely by eight Northamptonshire

Police officers, although there were no arrests. The protesters said they wanted Mr Heseltine to know what it was like to wake up to an eyesore every morning and had decided to make his lawn into an opencast mine. They also put up signs

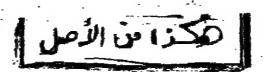
indicating an access road, asthma testing centre, areas for storing topsoil and a site office. The hole was meant to simulate a test borehole to establish the water level. The campaigners accused Mr Heseltine of devastating vast tracts of countryside through the massive expansion of

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New York yellow cab driver speeds off with Plasticine movie stars locked in boot

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# Oh 'eck, chuck ... Wallace and Gromit are missing

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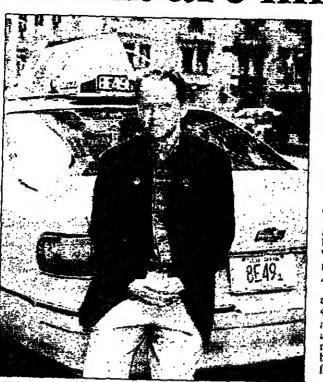
WALLACE and his loyal dog Gromit were yesterday miss-ing, feared dumped, after heing left in the back of a New York taxi. Plasticine models of the Oscar-winning British film puppers, said to be of incalculable value, had arrived from London on Saturday with their creator, Nick Park, for a promotional tour.

Their plane landed amid monsoon-strength rain and in the confusion of the downpour the driver who took Mr Park to his Manhaman hotel drove away with Wallace and Gromit in the boot of his yellow cab.

Mr Park. 37, whose films take years of intricate fingerwork, was "inconsolable" yesterday. "I feel as though I have lust my best pals," he said from his bed at the Righa Royal Hotel. "Devustated. There is no other description for how I feel."

The models were of Wallace on his motorcyle and the flapping-cared Gromit in the sidecar. They are the originals from the animation film A Close Shave. Although the 9in-high motorcycle alone cost £6.000 to make, its market value is probably far greater.

Arthur Sheriff, a spokesman for Mr Park, said: These models are national treasures. Nick is not confident he is them." When the taxi drew up



Nick Park and a yellow cab in New York yesterday: "I feel as though I have lost my best pals'

at the Righa Royal on Saturday afternoon there was a scrum as waiting hotel guests attempted to hail the vehicle.

"Half a dozen people were trying to get in even as we were trying to get out," Mr Sheriff said. "We were overwhelmed and had no time to get the case out of the boot. The driver seemed to be in a

hurry to get away." Mr Park sprinted after the departing cab but lost trace of its real lights in the downpour after it turned a corner. When he returned to the hotel foyer his eyes bore a hollow look.

The measure of his dismay tended to discount the possibility that this was a publicity

Bristol-based Mr Park has been one of the reliable stars of British film-making and his name is in danger of becoming a regular at the American Academy Awards ceremony. He is respected in movie circles for the technical proficiency of his animation, linked to an eccentric and very Eng-

In the course of his work he pends considerable amounts of time over each minute of finished film, and the missing puppets each represent sev-eral months of handiwork, His films have won praise and awards from Japan to Africa, but this was the first time that Wallace and Gromit had ventured across the Atlantic to

When they went missing, an appeal was made to all police stations and New York's Taxi and Limousine Commission agreed to hunt for the missing ndels, made of Plasticine on ball-and-socket jointed

But it is hard to be optimisric: New York cabbies are not known for their tenderheartedness. Despite the Oscars. Wallace and Gromit are little known in America and it is unlikely that the Indian-born driver, who had imperfect English, would recognise them when he opened his

Gromit is a resourceful hound who relishes a challenge, but this time the duo may have met their match.



Worse than A Close Shave: Wallace and Gromit in the Oscar-winning film

### Russians too poor to return rare book

By JOANNA BALE

RUSSIA'S State Library has been consured by academics on the Internet after it failed to return a rare book to Aberdeen University, plead-

ing poverty.
When the university asked for the valuable botanical volume back, the Russians sent a card saying they could not afford the postage. The card stated: "Dear colleague, our library is in a difficult financial situation. We don't fulfil your request and we don't return your book."

Jennifer Bevan, a university librarian, was dismayed at losing the book, one of Daniel Oliver's series on the flora of tropical Africa, published berween 1808 and 1937, "We discovered that the library couldn't afford the £5 or £10 postage to return the book because that could make the difference herween someone eating or not eating. At one stage we were worried the book might have been sold for the price of a sack of potatoes."

She said: "We put a message out on the Internet's Library Information Service link for librarians to warn other libraries. We were amazed at the e-mail replies that came back ... This year the institution only received 20 per cent of the cash needed to stay open and staff had a 30 per cent wage cut imposed and now get £35 a month."

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The British Council in Moscow has agreed to arrange for the book to be brought home.

# Widow hails official backing in baby fight

DIANE BLOOD said she was thrilled yesterday that the Government had given its Government had given its tacit support to her fight to be allowed to have a baby using her dead husband's sperm. The 30-year-old widow was

distraught last week when the High Court ruled that she could not be artificially inseminated because her husband had not given written consent

Health ministers made it clear yesterday that they sympathised with Mrs Blood's predicament and said they would allow a free vote if a private member's Bill was put before the House to change the fertilisation laws. The Bill would allow widows like Mrs Blood to be artificially inseminated if they believed their late husband would have wished them to bear their child.

Mrs Blood, a businesswoman from Worksop, Notting-hamshire, said: "If the law is changed I will take advantage of it the second it comes into force. After that it is up to God whether I succeed in carrying Stephen's child."

Mrs Blood's husband died last year from bacterial men-ingitis, his sperm having been taken while he was in a coma. She had evidence that he had "longed" for her to have his child but she had no written proof of his consent to become her donor. The couple were already making preparations at their bungalow for a baby they mistakenly thought they were having naturally.

She described the Government's backing as "fantastic news", adding: The Government's stance makes me feel

Mrs Blood remortgaged her



Blood: felt vindicated by government support

and is determined to take her case to the Appeal Court.An appeal fund has accumulated more than £20,000, but she estimates she needs another £75,000. She admitted that if she lost and the law was changed, she would be just as

The infertility experts Lord Winston of Hammersmith and Baroness Warnock, and the Labour MP Joan Lestor. have already said they are willing to put forward a backbench Bill. Lord Winston. a pioneer of test tube haby treatment, said the most obvious way to change the law would be to insert the word "normally" before the words requiring written consent." and allow the judge to use his

With MPs guaranteed a free vote and no opposition from the Government, the measure stands a chance of becoming

law in the next Parliamentary sessiongiven enough Parlia-mentary time, although it would have to be introduced

almost immediately.

Mrs Blood's solicitor said last night that legislation may come too late. "It is of great concern to Diane Blood and her lawyers that the public do not think that her case is likely to be resolved by new legisla-Bill," Richard Stein said.

"The timescale involved and the shortage of available Parliamentary time may well mean that the new legislation comes too late.

We are very confident about the chances of success of an appeal and we are very much relying on the legal process achieving what Diane wants. It would be a mistake to think that this case will be

solved through Parliament." Mr Stein said that developments had let the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority "off the hook" from the large amount of public opposition it faced. It is important to remember it does have the power with the law as it stands to deliver what Diane

Mrs Blood had said earlier: "Whilst the Government acceptance of a Bill is fantastic news and may help others in the future, one of the points my case seeks to argue is that the HFEA already has the necessary element to allow me to proceed by the way of their discretionary powers."

The Department of Health said yesterday: "We would not stand in the way of the Bill. We have great sympathy for the lady, but the law is the law and the judge made his deci-



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# Fiat heir reveals romantic designs on London architect

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

is to marry an Anglo-American architect who lives in London. Giovanni Agnelli, who is reckoned one of Europe's most eligible bachelors will marry Avery Howe before the end of the year. Miss Howe was born in

New York, but has spent many years in Britain, beginning her career as an architect in the studios of Sir Richard Rogers. The news that Signor Agnelli had fallen for Miss Howe emerged at the weekend when he registered the engagement at the town hall at Montopoli Valdarno, in the province of Pisa. Signor Agnelli is head of the Piaggio works at Pontidera, where the Vespa is manufactured and has a magnificent Renaissance villa in the Tuscan hills near by.

Signor Agnelli is nephew

THE heir to the Fiat empire of the Fiat patriarch and is to marry an Anglo-Amerifounder. Gianni Agnelli. and his designated heir as company head. He spent his childhood holidays at the villa at Varramista, which was inspired by Michelangelo's drawings, and has lived there since 1993, when he

took over Piaggio. The wedding is expected to take place by the end of the year and according to local gossip could be as soon as next weekend. But the parish priest refused last night to divulge the date or to say whether the wedding would be in Italy or England. Signor Agnelli said it would a quiet family affair", but social commentators suggest this is unlikely given the sheer size and power of the Agnelli dynasty. Miss Howe will be 31 on Wednesday, a

year younger than her fiancé.

They first met when they were at Brown College, Rhode Island, he studying internastudying architecture. They met again in Italy three years ago when Miss Howe was redesign the company muse-

um for Piaggio. He entered the family business under a false name to experience the life of a manworker on the factory floor before beginning his climb to the top, eventually taking his father's place on the Fiat board. "She has won Giovanni with her intellect as well as her looks" was the verdict of Oggi magazine.

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# NHS internal market an illusion, says watchdog

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

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THE "internal market" in the National Health Service is largely an illusion, according to a study by

health watchdogs.

The reforms, which are estimated to have added £1.7 billion a year to costs, have had little impact, says a report by the Association of Community Health Councils. Five years after the internal market was introduced, with claims that it would mean a new era of choice and competition, most people are still sent to the hospitals they

would have used before. The reforms turned health au'£1.7 bn a year reforms have not created expected improvements'

"purchasers" who were supposed to shop around to find the best care. Hospitals became "providers", organised into trusts to compete for business. But few purchasers have used their spending muscle by taking their money elsewhere. Researchers who surveyed 129 community health councils in England and Wales found that nearly three-quarters report-ed that their local health authority hospitals. Half found that their GP

fundholders "stick with the devil

The findings confirm results from studies by the National Audit
Office and the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts. The latest report says: There has been less change in the use of particular providers than might have been expected. Market forces do not appear to be very effective local competition, poor information about the cost-effectiveness of rival trusts, old loyalties and force of habit.

The limited change in referrals does not mean that the internal market has made no difference. Sometimes the threat of removing a contract has been sufficient to improve a provider's standards. However, if the threat is seldom put into practice, providers may come to see it as largely empty."

There is some proof of claims by opponents of the reforms that they

would create a "two-tier" service.

One hospital had a dedicated ward for fundholding practices. A new cardiologist was offering pacemakers to the patients of fundholders only. One fundholder negotiated a maximum eightmonth waiting list while the health authority contract specified

15 months. Towards the end of the financial year, hospitals try to hold back admissions for health authority patients on "block contracts" but welcome fundholders' patients because they bring extra money... There is scarce proof that care has improved. The most important aspect of the quality of treatment is the difference it makes to the patient's health. There is little hard evidence of improvement on this

score, says the report. ☐ The British Medical Association has issued an ultimatum to universities over the rates of pay for doctors working in academic posts. Unless these are brought up to the same levels as those of NHS

advertisements for university posts in the British Medical Journal will be surrounded by a black box, warning prospective applicants that the university is

not paying the national rate. On average, NHS doctors have been awarded a pay rise of 3.8 per cent from April I this year. But the universities, faced with a shortage of money, say they can pay an increase of only 1.5 per cent.

☐ How reformed is the NHS? (Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales, 30 Drayton Park, London

# Cash considerations threaten to undermine GP-consultant relationships

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IT SHOULD come as no surprise that GPs continue to same consultants working at the same hospitals they used before fund-holding became established.

In my youth, family doctors often accompanied their patients on a visit to the consultant and there was an actual consultation after the examination. The GP provided knowledge of the patient's background and past medical history; the specialist was able to add his opinion. derived from more detailed expertise, to the subsequent discussion

The medical world is now too hurried for such consultations, but cases are still discussed over the telephone by family doctors and hospiships are established that serve patients well. It would be a matter of deep regret if these important relationships

the sake of a few pounds saved if the practice had shopped around for the

cheapest buy. If the bureaucracy involved were not so expensive, it should have cost less to use contracts between fund-holding practices and trust hospitals. The value of these savings has to be balanced against GPs' loss of freedom of choice over consultants.

of referrals were sent — as the research shows they still are - to the nearest hospital where relationships between been established. The occa-Pre-fund-holding, the bulk sional patient who needs

something rather different is now denied it.

As the hospitals' financial crisis worsens this winter, as it will, the disparity between the service provided to pahospital, and to those in nonfund-holding practices, will

Southampton University Hospital, a centre of excellence in all branches of medical care, illustrates the point Local non-fund-holding practices have been told that less urgent cases will have to wait until after next April. The hospital will continue to see the patients of fund-holding practices. "Less

hernias and piles, but also the investigative procedures for patients with the less sinister types of angina and many other heart conditions. No department is more highly regarded than the cardiac unit at Southampton, but its skills will now he rationed and the ration determined by the nature of GPs' relation-

ship to the NHS. Doctors were encouraged to see the practice of medicine tients' health as their only consideration. This sense of service is now being diluted by financial considerations and the bottom line is sometimes cash balances rather than best medicine. Doctors have always shopped around, but for the best care and not the best bargain.

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#### Museum visitors suffer for their art

BY BILL FROST

VISITORS to many of Britain's finest museums risk a range of health hazards including exhaustion and non-specific illness". The elderly and unfit are particularly at risk, but nobody should underestimate the dangers posed by a trip to the Tate or the V&A. says a survey conducted by the magazine Muse-ums and Galleries.

At the very least, visitors face hazards including dehydration, blisters, eye-strain, cricked necks, back pain and headaches. For reasons the survey cannot explain, February is the worst month for

museum-goers. Peter Freedman, the magazine's editor, said: "With their endless corridors and blockbuster exhibitions our giant museums can be a gruelling physical test for anyone, let alone the sort of middle-aged, elderly and unfit visitors who make up a large share of the

museum audience. The British Museum alone boasts two and a half miles of corridors and several million items on show under its sevenacre roof. But even the less gigantic museums can take their toll."

With more than four million visitors a year, first-aiders at the National Gallery in London see a greater variety of medical conditions than most. "People slip and hurt them-selves and faint," said the National's John Macausian.

At the V&A there are 22 firstaiders on the staff. Greg Benson, the museum's health and safety officer, said: "The majority of complaints are from visitors who have been on the road since 6am or who have skipped breakfast and feel unwell."

#### **Tunnel** may be closed to Irish loads

BY AUDREY MAGEE

IRISH exports will be banned from the Channel tunnel next month if the Dublin Government does not introduce strict security regulations for cargo. Britain is demanding that Ireland imposes a security check on exporters transporting goods on Channel tunnel trains. All Irish exports are currently checked in Liverpool but British agencies say they no longer want to bear the cost for work that should be done in Ireland.

Security on the tunnel has always been a fraught issue. According to exporters who regularly use the tunnel the British impose far stricter security than the French to protect against a terrorist

Up to £1 billion of Irish manufactured goods are transported from Ireland to mainland Europe through the Channel tunnel. Two years ago, when the tunnel opened. an interim arrangement was set up to check Irish cargo. The Department of Transport appointed Rail Freight Distributors in Liverpool to check all Irish containers.

Now the company has had enough and says the system is too costly and time-consuming. It has told trish transporters the service will stop on November 7, throwing Irish exporters into turnoil.

The Irish government has yet to decide who is responsible for the security. Various departments - justice, transport and marine - all say it has nothing to do with them. The Irish Exporters Association has accused the Government of "buck-passing" and putting at risk a growing sector of Ireland's £60 billion export industry.

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# Man acquitted of Nickell killing hits out at newspaper

By Tim Jones and Richard Ford

southwest London, where the

Staggs live, formed a barrier

to prevent journalists from

walking down a narrow balco-

ny to his door. Some shouted

abuse and children showered

them with water from a third-

One neighbour, Lee Ashley,

described Mr Stagg as a "lovely hoy" who was being persecuted. "He wanted to

take his dogs for a walk on the

common but until you lot go

away he won't come out. He is

staying at home and playing

☐ Mr Stagg's car was stolen

from outside his home yester-

day. Scotland Yard confirmed

that it was investigating the

theft of a blue Audi reported

missing by Mrs Stagg.

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COLIN STAGG, the man who was acquitted of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, reacted with fury yesterday when a newspaper printed evidence which the rial judge had ruled

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Mr Stagg, who is consulting lawyers over the article, pelied journalists with eggs and threw out a burnt copy of The Mail on Sunday before slamming his front door and declining to comment.

The evidence, which was not heard by the jury at the Old Bailey in September 1994, included statements given by an undercover policewoman, known to him as Lizzie James. Mr Stagg. 33, is said to have given her details of how Rachel's body was placed on the ground - information which, it is claimed, had never been disclosed by detectives. At the trial, Mr Justice

Ognall ruled that the undercover evidence could not be heard and described it as "thoroughly reprehensible". Last night, Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, said that, in his opinion, the newspaper was acting in con-

Miss Nickell, a part-time model, was murdered while walking on the common with her son, Alex, then three, in July 1992. Mr Stagg was charged with murder after an intensive inquiry. An II-day hearing in front of magistrates decided that there was a case to answer. The evidence was not reported because of legal restrictions.

The magistrates heard evidence from one of Mr Stagg's

neighbours, Susan Gale, who said that she saw him on the common at 9.25am on the day of the murder. Mr Stagg said that he had been feeling ill, had cut short his walk and was home by 9.15. He told the police that he had been walking his dog between 8.15 and

The Mail on Sunday asked: Was Colin Stagg right, mistaken or lying about the time he took the walk on the common? Has he given a time so far removed from the real time of the murder because he knew exactly when the killing occurred?

Magistrates had heard also that Mr Stagg told police he watched the television pro-gramme Lucky Ladders when he returned home. But police were satisfied that the programme had not been screened on that day.

Mr Stagg's wife, Diane, 28, said at the weekend: "Nobody wants the killer caught more than Colin. It would end all this, but we are just ordinary people who can't afford to fight back.

"Everything in the paper was heard in the magistrates' court. There was no forensic evidence against him. He had tests on his hair, blood and saliva and there was nothing."

Scotland Yard said that its investigations into the murder would continue at least until next year. The Crown Prosection Service said: "Mr Stage was acquitted of the murder of Rachel Nickell and cannot be tried again for the same offence."

Neighbours on the Alton council estate in Rochampton.



Colin Stagg was cleared of murdering Rachel Nickell when evidence against him was ruled inadmissible

# **Draft of Wagner** libretto found

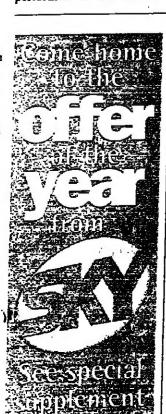
By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

WAGNER's long-lost working manuscript for the libret-to of Tannhäuser has been found. Scholars will now be able to study a first draft they had known about only from a reference in an 1843 letter from the composer.

it is expected to fetch around £100,000 at Sotheby's on December 6. Stephen Roe, head of the book department and a specialist in musical manuscripts, said: This is a major Wagner discovery, a missing link in the world's knowledge of the composer's work.

"Anything of importance is very rare. Most of the very major manuscripts are in libraries and public collections."

Fierce competition is expected. Tannhäuser. fürst performed in Dresden in



operas, a text by the composer. In early life, he had written plays and verse and hoped to be a dramatist. He later argued that drama, poetry, music and other art forms should be united in one Gesamtkunstwerk.

Dr Roe explained that the manuscript was last recorded as having been given by the composer as a new-year present to the Swiss conductor Wilhelm Baumgartner. Wagner, in a jokey dedica-tion that accompanies the manuscript, urged: "Study the manuscript, otherwise you won't get to Heaven!"

with descendants of Baumgartner, who had not realised that scholars had been

searching for it. It was in 1842 that Wagner put pen to paper for the opera — which he originally thought of calling Der Venusberg. It is a setting of the 13thcentury myth of Tannhäuser, the knightly minstrel torn between sacred and profane love — tormented with lust for Venus, whose home was Venusberg, and spiritual pas-sion for Elisabeth.

The manuscript, entitled Der Venusberg Romantische Oper in 3 Acten, and in brown and black ink, is dated Dresden 29 Jan 1843": it is also dated at the end "Richard Wagner Dresden. 22 März 1843".







Clarissa Lee arriving at church yesterday and as a girl, back right, with her aunt and cousins. She joined the Somerset choir when she was 16

# Record book sings praises of oldest chorister

THE world's oldest practising chorister was in fine voice when she celebrated her 104th birthday and a place in the record books yesterday. Clarissa Lee sang a selection of her favourite hymns before being fêted at a church hall reception where she enjoyed half a glass of sweet sherry and a slice of iced fruitcake.

Mrs Lee, an alto, joined the choir of

St Mary and St Andrew's at Pitminster, Somerset, in 1908 when she was 16. Four monarchs later, the former village postmistress has been recognised by the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest known

She said of her twice-weekly singing sessions: "I still enjoy it immense ly, although my voice is not as good as was. It's getting a bit rusty after all these years. I only started singing

in the Great War. I am the oldest in the choir by about 30 years but everyone is still very kind about my singing. I'm going to keep going as long as I can."

Mrs Lee was 14 when her family moved from London to Somerset, where she met and married a local man who died 30 years ago. The couple's son, Ernest, who is in his 70s, lives near his mother. At yesterday's

service Mrs Lee was invited to pick her favourite hymns. Among them were The king of love my Shepherd is and Angel voices ever singing.
The Rev Robert Parker, the vicar,

said: "She is a wonderful soul, she always turns up twice a week without fail. Her eyesight is going a little bit now but she knows all the hymns off by heart, so it doesn't really matter."

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Retiring chief constable believes terrorists accept there cannot be a military victory

# RUC chief predicts IRA ceasefire after period of violence

By Nicholas Watt. Chief Ireland correspondent

THE IRA will declare another ceasefire because the republican leadership still sees the advantages of peace, according to Sir Hugh Annesley. Chief Constable of the RUC. He gave a warning, however, that the terrorists would attempt to launch further bomb attacks on mainland Britain and in Northern Ireland before laying down their arms.

In an interview with The Times to mark his retirement next month, Sir Hugh said that "sooner or later" the IRA would abandon its terrorist campaign. "I would certainly see it as coming potentially in the next year. I have no doubt the republican movement is deeply put out by the strong stance by the British and Irish Governments."

The IRA would, however, want to declare a truce from a position of strength. He said: "I think we are in a situation where further attacks on the British mainland are probable and I think an attack within the Province has moved from possible to probable." He had based his prediction on intelligence reports and his own judgment of the thinking of the republican leadership.

Sir Hugh, speaking at RUC

headquarters in East Belfast, said: "I believe that Messrs Adams and McGuinness still believe that the long-term solution to the problems we have here will be solved by politics and not by military force. I think it is widely accepted within the general democratic framework that there wasn't going to be a military victory on either side ... I think still that Adams and McGuinness see the ad-

Sir Hugh said that one sign of a move towards a ceaselire was the IRA's plan to hold a so-called "General Army Convention", which consists of "volunteers" from every unit and which is the only body within the IRA that can declare a permanent end to violence. He said that the leadership would use the meeting to decide on their strategy because the movement appeared to be unsure. He did not link Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness directly to the terrorists' Army Council, but he made it clear that they were the republican movement's pivotal figures.

Sir Hugh accompanied his assessment of the IRA with approval of loyalist terrorists

who have maintained their ceasefire in the face of renewed IRA terrorism. But he gave warning that they still posed a formidable terrorist threat, adding: "If they were pushed back into violence, and they have been very severely pushed up to now, then one would have to imagine immediate attacks on the Republic of Ireland and throughout Northern Ireland."

Sir Hugh spoke of his frustration at having to tackle

frustration at having to tackle terrorism with laws that were weighted too strongly in favour of the criminal. The lean of the criminal law is too far in favour of the terrorist. The Italians would not have made any inroads into the Mafia if they were operating with the law and order system of the United Kingdom.

He insisted a crackdown on terrorism must be within the

terrorism must be within the normal process of criminal law. He dismissed the option of interning terrorist suspects without trial as a "short-term palliative, but a long-term disaster". He said: "If you don't intern then you have got to say to yourself, how do you tackle terrorism and how do you get the evidence? Most people will not give evidence against terrorists because they are afraid, which means eyewitnesses will nearly always be policemen or soldiers."

He said that difficulties with forensic evidence, which terrorists knew how to challenge, and problems with confession evidence meant that other evidence ought to be allowed in court. He called for three major changes to the law: admit phone-tapping evidence in court; abolish the right to silence in Northern Ireland; lengthen the seven-day detention period for terrorist suspects.

The renewed IRA violence led him to reiterate the call he first made in 1992 for a national anti-terrorist unit. While praising the decision to give M15 the lead in the fight against terrorism in mainland Britain, he added: "I believe into retirement in England. However much he may be looking forward to a more relaxed existence. Sir Hugh will always be reminded of his years in Northern Ireland by round-the-clock protection from IRA terrorists.



Sir Hugh Annesley has hung photographs of all ten RUC Chief Constables since the 1920s outside his office

# that we should take hold of this by the scruff of the neck. The head fof the new unit should be an equivalent of a Grade I civil servant with direct access to the Prime Minister and the Home Annesley urges 'affirmative action' over lack of Catholics

POSITIVE action will have to be taken to increase the number of Roman Catholics in the RUC if the force fails to recruit more. Sir Hugh Annesley said. The force could not police Northern Ireland for ever when only 8 per cent of its officers were Catholics.

The Chief Constable said:
"You cannot continue to
police forever a community
which is 52 per cent Protestant and 48 per cent Catholics. It is
simply not viable... You are
more likely to police by
consent if the police service is
representative of the community whose consent it is

Sir Hugh said he knew that his comments might "rab people up the wrong way", but he expected his successor. Ronnie Planagan, to look vigorously at the number of Catholies in the force. "If the position cannot be addressed then some form of affirmative action pursuant to the law may have to be taken in the long term."

Setting quotas would not be the answer, Sir Hugh said. Instead, government ministers and politicians would have to think of using existing laws. or changing the law, to introduce affirmative action. Desoite his comments. Sir

introduce affirmative action.

Despite his comments. Sir Hugh rejected any suggestion that the RUC was unacceptable to nationalists. He conceded that the small number of Catholics led to difficulties in tackling terrorism.

but added: "The community across the board is very responsive to the investigation of a whole series of other offences such as sexual crimes and robberies."

The small number of Cath-

olics in the RUC is consistently used by Sinn Fein to claim that the force is sectarian and biased against nationalists. However, the RUC insists that it has gone out of its way to attract Catholics and says that the greatest bar on Catholics joining the force has been intimidation by the IRA

During the IRA ceasefire there was a 20 per cent increase in the number of Catholic applicants to join the force. There are fears that this will now tail off.

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#### Daly recalls night when violence hit home

By AUDREY MAGEE

CARDINAL Cahal Daly, who is retiring as Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagli and Primate of All Ireland, has disclosed that when he was a child, his home was burnt down by the IRA.

It is the first public indication that Dr Daly personally suffered at the hands of the IRA. The public impression of his childhood had previously been of Protestants and Catholic living happily side by side in the countryside.

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On Irish television last night, Cardinal Daly, who is being succeeded by Archbishop Sean Brady, said his first memory was, as a four-year-old, of being cradled in his father's arms 75 years ago and watching flames shooting through the roof of their Co Antrim home. His parents lost everything they owned. Dr Daly said.

"Our house was burned as part of the IRA activity at the time and we were burned because next door, in a semi-detached, there was a detachment of [police] auxiliaries, and the local IRA planned to burn them out. To do that they had to burn us out too. So my father and mother lost all their possessions."

possessions."
Cardinal Daly, who is considered an intellectual, condemned the IRA from the outset of the Troubles. He likened much of the IRA violence to the "seamy blood feuds of Cosa Nostra". In a book published in 1983, he wrote that the "continuance of political violence, with the evil inherent in it and the evil stemming from it, constitutes the greatest danger to Catholicism in this century".

Many see him as the only Catholic primate who has had insight into the lears of Protestants in Northern Ireland and has tried to reach out to them. The result was that many staunch nationalists saw him as having "sold out".

But Dr Daly rejects the

But Dr Daly rejects the claim that he was pro-British and the accusation that his predecessor, the late Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich, was sympathetic to republicanism — the "Provo cardinal", as he was dubbed. Dr Daly told the RTE Would You Believe religious programme that both descriptions were "total caricatures".



Sir Hugh in 1989, his first year in office, speaking to a Sinn Fein councillor on the Falls Road in Belfast

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As he reflected on his seven

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Hugh, who hands over to

Ronnie Flanagan on Novem-

ber 4. said he would retain

vivid memories of terrorist

atrocities. He remembers the

names of every RUC officer

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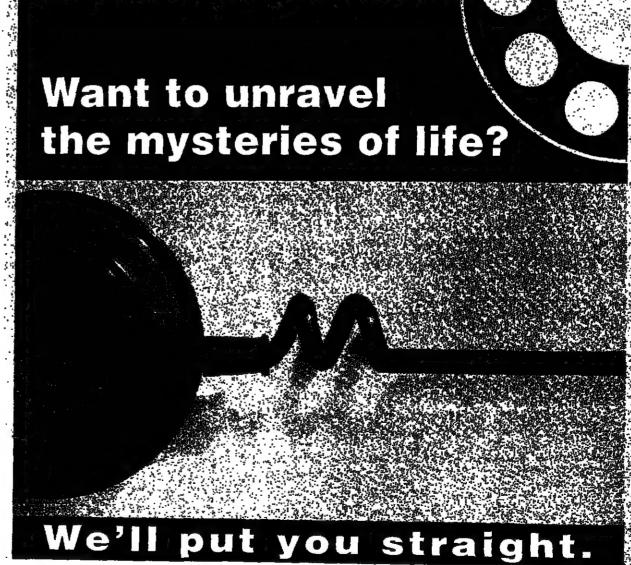
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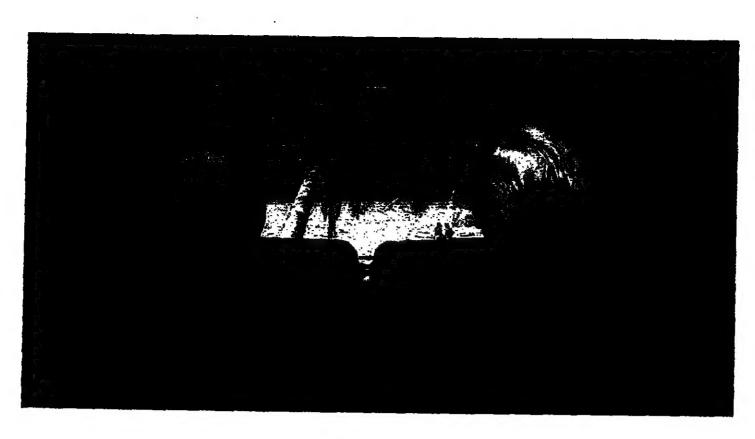
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# Recruitment drive hinges on rallies, regional offices and a night in with a video

# Goldsmith pushes for membership of 400,000

By Andrew Pierce, Political correspondent

SIR James Goldsmith, buoyed by the success of the first Referendum Party conference, is planning a series of public rallies to try to increase membership eightfold to 400,000 by the general election.

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He is opening ten regional offices in the next month. The party has recruited 60 constituency agents and a team of press officers, some of whom worked at Conservative Central Office during the last general election campaign.

Their targets are Tory voters. The majority of the 4,200



Sir James: his first rally

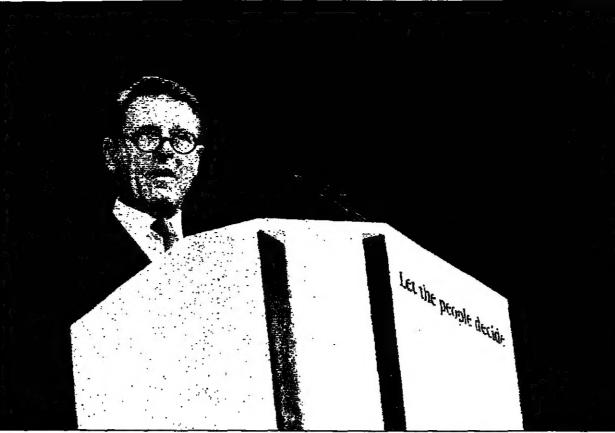
representatives at the conference in Brighton on Saturday were lifelong Tories. A sizeable number were former councillors and officers of Conservative Associations.

A central part of the recruitment drive will be a 20-minute video, attacking German-led moves towards political and monetary union, in which Baroness Thatcher has agreed to be included.

Free copies will be sent to the party's 50,000 members. It is also considering paying for the film to be shown as a

commercial in cinemas. The advertising offensive, which has been used successfully in the past by the Tories. would cost at least £1 million. Sir James has pledged to match the Tories' general election spending pound for pound. A senior Tory MP said last night: "We are going to have to start taking the threat from this man seriously."

Members will be encouraged to hold Tupperware-style parties in their homes, with the video as the selling point. A Referendum Party spokesman said: "We want to increase membership by encouraging members to invite their friends round to watch



The actor Edward Fox addressing Saturday's conference. The event was attended by 4,200 representatives

themselves. We hope it will lead to a massive increase in

grassroots support." A shortened version of the film, set to the theme music of the Oscar-winning film The Mission, was played at the conference hall. It comprised extracts of speeches and statements by leading players in the Europe debate.

Lady Thatcher gave her unofficial blessing to the conference by agreeing to be featured in the video. Her cameo role at the end was shot in 1993, when she welcomed the Danish referendum on Maastricht. "At least they had a referendum. I look forward the video. They can see for to us having one," she said.

Her comments were cheered to the rafters.

Many of Lady Thatcher's closest friends, such as Sir Alan Walters, Lord McAlpine of West Green and Lady Powell were at the conference. Lady Thatcher spoke to Sir James about preparations for the conference three weeks ago and their offices are in

regular contact. A member of the Thatcher camp said: "She was at the conference in spirit, even though she was not there in person. Of course she would have liked to have been there. Look around you. All you can see are her people." The party is opening new

is worth fighting for now." Mrs Clemenson, a Tory party member for 20 years, worked on successive election

offices in Henley-on-Thames, Cardiff, Norwich, York, Edincampaigns in Portsmouth North, "My husband and I are Mr and Mrs Average," she burgh, Staffordshire. Lincolnshire and Lancashire. The first said. "Margaret Thatcher was rally will be in the West my heroine. Country, followed by Gold-

i feel let down by John Major. It does not matter who gets in at the next election. Just Judith Clemenson, 48, who for once, people have got to stop being die-hard Tories or staunch Labour. They have is standing against Virginia Bottomley, was given a rousing ovation when she said got to put the nation first and that, on Remembrance Day, vote for a referendum." A majority of Swedes want

a referendum on whether Sweden should join Europe's economic and monetary union, according to a poll published yesterday.

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# No expense spared as the rabble army marches on its stomach

By Andrew Pierce

IT WAS more of a banquet than a political party as Sir James Goldsmith performed a modern-day version of feeding the 5,000 at Brighton. No expense was spared and the bill for the one-day conference was expected to exceed £750.000.

"It was the biggest free lunch since the loaves and the fishes," said one Goldsmith official. Every one of the 4,200 representatives was given packets of sandwiches, crisps. biscuits and unlimited cups of tea and coffee. Three lavish parties were held on Friday night.

But the billionaire Sir James went to great lengths to ensure that they were not interrupted by uninvited guests. He took over the five-star Grand Hotel and the nearby Thistle Hotel, at a cost of more than £100,000, to ensure that there were no gatecrashers.

He hosted a buffet supper for 1.000 at the Empress Suite in the Grand Hotel for candidates and their partners, costing close to

£20,000. Peter de Savary, Edward Fox and John Aspinall made brief appearances.

An even more lavish affair was under way at the same time at the Thistle Hotel on the seafront Lord McAlpine of West Green hosted a drinks party for 200 journalists. When the wine ran out, two hours later, the feast began.

The menu went on and on. Crown of melon, grapefruit, sirloin spare ribs, cold salmon, smoked trout, Singapore rice noodles, shellfish, sweet and sour pork, satay chicken

with a choice of five salads. The dessert was mango chocolate mousse or Black Forest gâteau. Staff served about 350 bottles of Monton Grandet 1995, a French wine made by Australians.

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people who had died to pre-

serve British sovereignty. "It was worth fighting for then; it

Lady Powell, wife of Baroness Thatcher's former foreign policy adviser Sir Charles Powell, was also entertaining at the Grand Hotel. A table of 30 guests, including Alan Clark, the former Defence Minister, and Frederick Forsyth, the author, tucked into fole gras, tortellini, baked turbot with coriander and ginger and a "panache" of autumn vegetables.

The generous hospitality continued the following day. The press corps of 200 was given unlimited free food and drink. One of the society girls working for Sir James. in regulation black dress, said: "The Rabble Army was not only in the conference hall. We wanted the rabble army in the press room to be

kept fighting fit." It is just as well that Sir James is reputed to be one of the world's richest men.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Dublin man charged over reporter's death

Irish police are optimistic that they will find the people who killed Veronica Guerin, the Dublin journalist, after charging a man with conspiracy to murder. Paul Ward, of Dublin, appeared at a special sitting of the city's district court on Friday night where he was charged with conspiracy to murder Ms Guerin and harbouring others involved. He was also charged with possessing cannabis. Mr Ward, 32 was remanded in custody until Thursday. The charge is the first in the four-month inquiry.

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#### Concrete block victim critical

Simon Willmott, the motorist whose chest was crushed when a concrete block was dropped on his car from a bridge over the M3 at Hook. Hampshire, was critical but stable in hospital. A 16-year-old questioned after the incident on Friday has been released on bail.

#### Gascoigne 'turns to therapist'

Paul Gascoigne is reported to have turned to the celebrity therapist" Beechy Colclough in an attempt to curb his drinking. The footballer is said to have contacted Mr Colclough — whose clients have included Michael Jackson and Elton John — after an alleged attack on his wife Sheryl.

#### 'Invisible' warship revealed

The British design for a "stealth" warship, which can disappear in a cloud of fine mist from special water jets in the superstructure, will be unveiled at an exhibition in Paris today. The concept for an invisible corvette that can change its radar profile has been devised by Vosper Thornycroft.

#### Boy, 5, electrocuted on rail line

A five-year-old boy was killed when he fell on to the live line while playing with friends on a railway track in Merseyside. Andrew Hall, of Birkenhead, is thought to have slipped on a wet rail and was electrocuted. British Transport Police said that an investigation was being held into the death.

#### Search for tour company owners

Trading officials were trying to trace Colin and Carol Battson, owners of the holiday firm Luxurious Florida of Clacton, Essex. At least 15 British owners of villas in Florida claim they are owed up to £15,000 by the company and holidaymakers who paid up to £800 each have nowhere to stay.

#### Shelter has busiest year

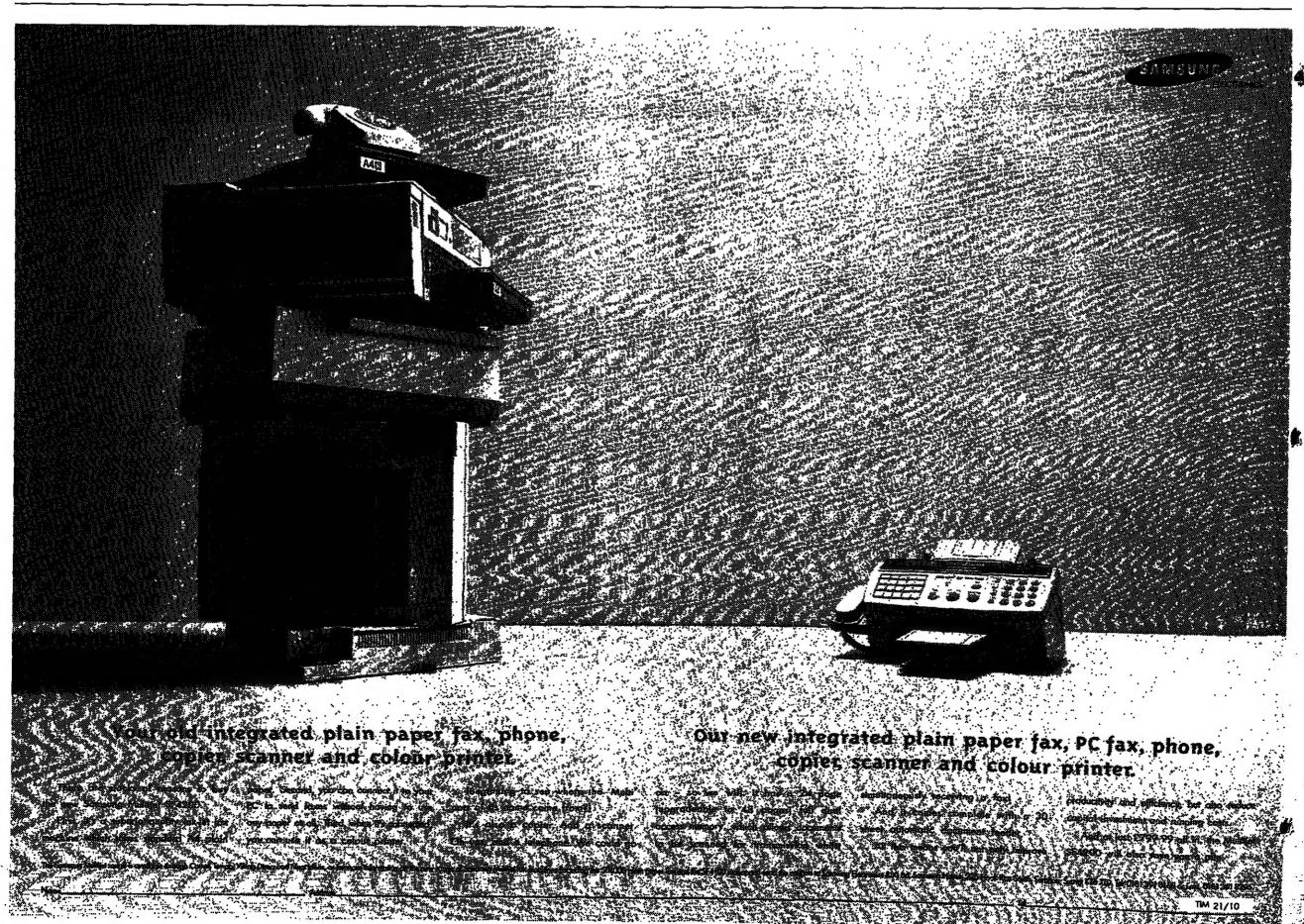
Shelter is busier than at any time during its 30-year history, according to the housing charity's annual report. It dealt with more than 100,000 cases last year - a third more than the previous year, even though government figures show homelessness has fallen by more than a third since 1991.

#### Children left alone escape blaze

Three children were taken to hospital after they escaped a fire in a house in which they had been left alone. Social services are investigating how a boy, 10, his sister, 13, and another girl aged 13 came to be on their own in the house in Southampton. They were treated for smoke inhalation.

#### Vow of silence for millennium

A Conservative MP has suggested the millennium should be celebrated in silence. John Butcher (Coventry South-West) has called for television and radio to be switched off for five days from midnight on December 31, 1999, one for each thousand of the 5,000 years of known civilisation in Britain.



# Thirty years on, Aberfan remembers the day that engulfed so many lives

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■ Thirty years ago today 144 people -116 of them children - died in Aberfan. Reporter Ian Murray, who covered the disaster, returns to the village for the first time.

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THE storms which helped tum a mountainside into a torrent of mud at Aberfan 30 years ago are now destroying the arched monument put up in memory of the 144 who died when tons of coal slag engulfed a Weish school

Yesterday, as relatives worked in pouring rain to tidy the graves for today's anniversary services, they were hurt and angry that the money to restore the Portland Stone monument had been spent years ago by the National Coal Board to remove the tip which swept through Pant Glas School.

They took £150,000 out of the fund set up from donations after the tragedy," said Cliff Minet, who lost his son Carl. 7, and daughter Marilyn, 10, in the disaster. "The Coal Board paid to remove 180 other tips all over the valleys. The only one they didn't pay for was here at Aberfan. If we had that money today we would have no problems looking after our

Now 63, he and his wife Iris live in a cottage on the steep hillside with a view over the cemetery from the side win-





Reporter Ian Murray in the cemetery and, below, the disaster scene in 1966. "What is the point of running away." said one former miner who buried two, "when your heart is with your children in the cemetery?"

dren's grave nearly every day. he said. "What is the point of running away when your heart is with your children in

the cemetery?" The front room is a shrine to his lost children, their portraits on the wall. A photo of another daughter, Gwynor, whom he carried out of the school alive but with a broken leg, sits on the mantlepiece.
"She said nothing about her leg even though it was back to front," he said. "All she was had lost her shoe." Mr Minett is one of the few

Aberfan parents still ready to me to talk about it," he said. "Some cannot do it although they never forget for a moment. So many in Aberfan

are paying the price and suffering in silence." Tending the grave of her brother was a woman who preferred silence. "I want no

publicity, no charity, noth-

ing," she said. "This is a private grief which no one outside can understand or

That is something I learnt 30 years ago when I arrived in Aberfan on the evening of the disaster. All roads were sealed to traffic so I had walked a mile or more up the valley through the black slime in the rain. It was nearly dark, but lights were shining on the wreck of the school where miners were clawing away the slurry with their bare hands for fear of driving a spade into

I edged past police and went up to a group of filthy men. "Can I help?" I said.

Only one of the men no-ticed. He straightened and turned to me, his blue overalls shiny with slurry, a red stripe of blood oozing through the black dust caked on his forearm. "Yes," he said, his tired eyes taking in my pinstriped suit and trousers tucked into



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Converted in an instant from bero journalist to intrusive voyeur I hesitated and felt a tap on my shoulder. It was the policeman whose photograph carrying a little

desks all over the world. Time to go now, sir," he said.

"You're in the way here." Journalists are still in the way in this town which paid such an unacceptably high price for coal. Mrs Minett

A SYSTEM for punishing young offenders developed among the Maoris in New

Zealand and aimed at using family pressures is to be tested

in Britain (Stewart Tendler

writes). A meeting is held with family, friends, police and the

victim. The family and the

offending child come up with a

said she had never been interviewed before and was not going to start now.

On the surface the town has changed because the Merthyr Vale colliery in the centre of the valley, which tipped its spoil on the mountain spring avalanche and sturry, has shut. The site is being levelled now for executive housing for businessmen expected to follow the inward investment

The heavy taste of coal dust has gone and is replaced in the main street by the smells The Bethesda Chapel, which served as a temporary mortuary for the children, has been rebuilt. Two other chapels are shut and today's remem-brance service will be in the Catholic Church.

A yellow brick community centre and an adventure playground daubed in graffin adjoin the old site of the school, now converted into a garden of remembrance partitioned by waist-high walls where the classrooms once stood. Yesterday one un-marked bunch of flowers lay beneath the tree where Class 1

was wiped out.

At the cemetery Bobby Minney, 70, was scrubbing the black marble grave of his young son Bobby, 10, and daughter Barbara, 9. His wife

them four years ago. "She died of a broken heart," he said. "She never recovered, but then none of us ever did."

A deep miner for 20 years before the disaster, his hands and body are broken and etched with ingrained coal dust. Like Mr Minett, he quit the pits on the day of the accident. "I came home from the night shift on the bus that looked so normal, smoke rising from the chimneys, the fog lifting, the children going

off to school. And then ... He could not finish the sentence but looked down at his battered hands. "They could do what they like to my body, but not to the bodies of my children," he said, "They were not going to get any-thing more from me."

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punishment, such as payment work, or an apology. The courts intervene if it is not carried out. The scheme is

being tested in Hampshire in

a two-year trial launched to-

day. The meetings, known as family group conferences, will involve offenders between 14

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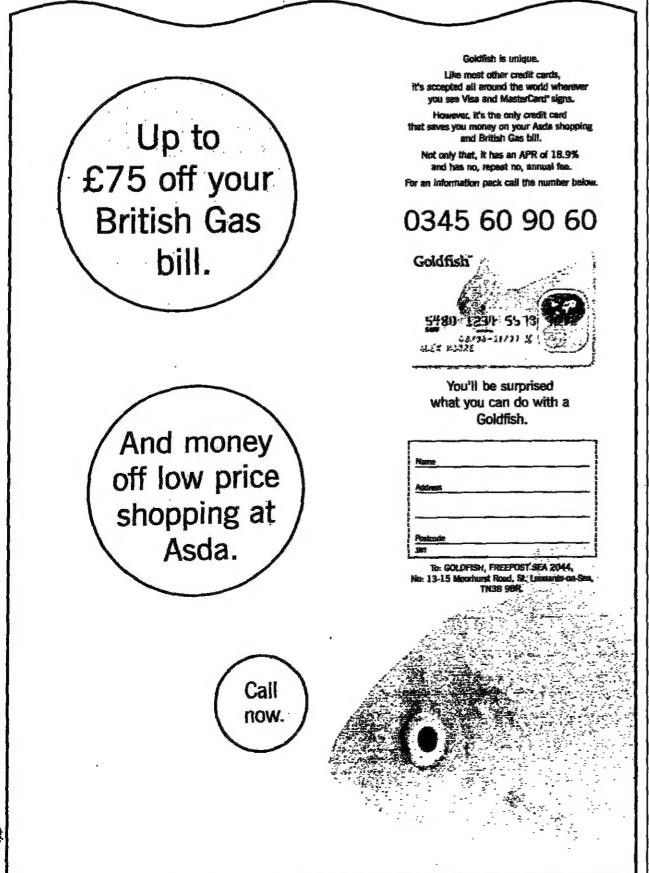
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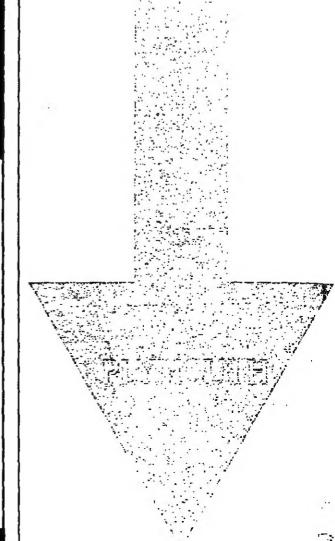
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Fiszmann: £1.5m ransom was left in car park

#### Tycoon's body is discovered

FROM ROGER BOYES

THE body of one of Germa ny's wealthiest men, the property dealer Jakub Fiszmann. was discovered at the weekend by the police, ending a week of search.

Herr Fiszmann was kidnapped in Frankfurt by a gang on October 1 and a ransom of more than £1.5 million was demanded from the family. The cash was left in a car park, but Herr Fiszmann. 40, was not freed.

The police were alerted, partly because Herr Fiszmann suffered from a food alergy and needed to take regular medication; even if the kidnappers did not intend to kill him, his life was in danger because of his medical condition.

Two people are in custody, including a woman who worked for years in the businessman's company. Ap-parently guided by the confessions of one suspect, the police unearthed the ransom

could not be found. On Saturday, helped by sniffer dogs, the police found the body in the Taunus forest outside Frankfurt. It was hidden under a mound of leaves. The police suspect that he was killed because at the time of the attack he ripped off one of the kidnappers' masks and

recognised the assailant. Whatever the reason, the police seemed sure that the gang were Germans and not. as was at first suspected, Russian or Polish.

Dehaene promises parents a bureau to find missing children

# Thousands in Belgian rally back victims of sex abuse

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN BRUSSELS

sands of people carrying white flowers and balloons marched through Brussels in remem-brance of missing children yesterday, the Belgian Prime Minister and the families of he alleged victims of Marc Dutroux clashed publicly.

The families said on tele-vision that Jean-Luc Dehaene had told them he hoped the march would mark the end of public outrage over the child-sex scandal. They said it was only the beginning of their

campaign. Marie-Noëlle Bouzet, mother of missing Elisabeth Brichet, instigated the march and said Mr Dehaene had made a serious political error by trying to "take it over".

Mr Dehaene was visibly rattled by the accusations, which he described as scandalous. He met the families and emerged from three hours of talks last night to announce a package of legal measures, including one ensuring greater rights for victims.

He promised that their voice would be heard, and that contact would be made with the Centre for Missing Children in Washington with a view to setting up a similar institution in Belgium. It would be independent of the judiciary and the police. The families said that they were pleased with the talks, Jean-Denis Lejeune, father of Julie, one of the girls found stabbed to death in a house owned by Mr Dutroux, added: "It he doesn't keep his word, he will have to

face the consequences." The families then rejoined the march which, at its height, was two miles long. Belgians from all over the country converged on the capital to

AS HUNDREDS of thou- show their support for them and to leave flowers under posters of the missing and dead children. Many were white to symbolise innocence and non-violence.

Organisers put the number of marchers at more than 325,000. The atmosphere was good-humoured, but dozens of policemen had to form a security ring to prevent cheering supporters from mobbing the victims' families. The families could hardly move as the crowds surrounded them chanting "Bravo, bravo."

One boy squeezed through the police line to shake hands with Gino Russo, the father of Mélissa, who was found dead

The wishes of the families were largely respected by the marchers. For it was a time for parents and their children rather than a political demonstration. The march was mostly dignified and calm with no slogans and no banners.

However, some protesters left the designated route to demonstrate outside the Palais de Justice and vent their anger over the dismissal last week of the judicial investigator in the Dutroux case.

Jean-Marc Connerotte's aggressive approach to the case and his arrest of Mr Dutroux had turned him into a national hero. But the Supreme Court ruled he had compromised his impartiality by attending a spaghetti dinner in support of an organisation for missing

His removal sparked a week of demonstrations and wildcat strikes by thousands of public workers, and last night the protesters outside the Palais de Justice vowed their demonstrations would continue.



A tide of protesters carrying white flowers or balloons, led by parents and relatives of missing or dead children, flows silently through the centre of Brussels yesterday

# Communist set to beat far Right in French poll

FROM SUSAN BELL IN MARSEILLES

A COMMUNIST candidate campaigning against the Maastricht treaty was tipped to beat the extreme-right National Front yesterday in a byelection in Gardanne, near Marseilles, the former power base of bankrupt soccer tycoon

Bernard Tapie.
Political analysts said Roger
Mei. Gardanne's Communist Mayor, would beat Damien Barriler of the National Front yesterday after M Mei won 37.8 per cent of votes against M Barriler's 26.8 per cent in the first round on October 13, when the candidates of the mainstream parties - the ruling centre-right majority and the Socialist Party — were

The by-election was declared after M Tapie, former manager of the Olympique Marseille football team, was forced to resign his seat after losing appeals against a fraud conviction and bankruptcy. His resignation left the mainstream parties confront-

ing the problem of how to prevent the seat falling to the National Front, giving it its first seat in the present parliament. The extreme Right enjoyed increasing support in

Marseilles, which has a large immigrant community with a radical tradition and a wellfounded reputation for militancy. Fears of unemployment and immigration concerns run high in Gardanne and were key campaign issues.

Another major concern for voters was the possible loss of 1.200 jobs due to the threat-ened closure of the local coalmine in 2005. While campaigning. M Mei reminded them that in Chinese his name means "coal".

M Barriler campaigned on issues of insecurity and immigration, exploiting the recent, apparently monveless murder of a white teenager in Mar-seilles by an adolescent of North African origin. He was supported by Bruno Megret, first lieutenant to the National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le

However, in spite of M Barriler's attempt to catch up with the Communist candidate by appealing to the centre-right majority vote, analysts agreed yesterday that his only chance of winning was to mobilise in his favour the 58 per cent of voters who abstained in the first round.

# Prado's Rembrandt con artist owns up

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

THE mystery artist who smuggled one of his paintings into the Prado museum, impudently hanging it alongside works by Rembrandt, identi-fied himself yesterday. Victor Ruiz Roizo, a former

bank clerk from Madrid, told El Pals that he chose the Rembrandt room because there was space to place his painting. I would really have liked to hang my work next to a Goya, my favourite painter, but that was too risky."

Señor Ruiz said he spent two weeks trying to find a frame for his painting, El Después (The Afterwards). that would blend in with the gilt frames of his chosen stretch of Prado wall. "I had to smuggle in several samples in order to make discreet

comparisons."

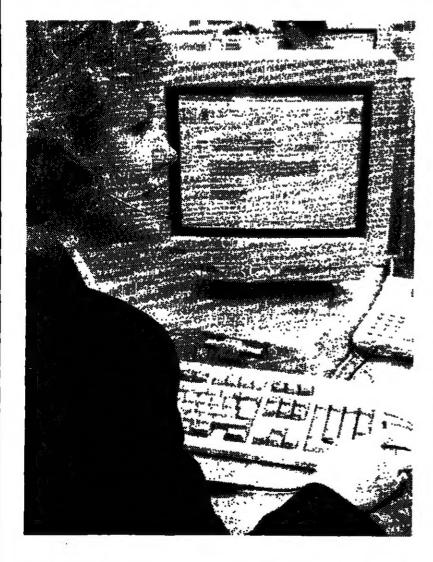
Then he had to wait until the room was empty before darting over to the wall and smearing it thickly with strong glue and slapping his painting on to the adhesive surface just before a crowd of Japanese tourists entered.

The Prado staff are due to report soon on the security lapses that led to the incident and senior managers are likely to be forced to resign.

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# Tributes from the south add to King Kohl's money worries

outherners have been going north to pay their respects at the court of King Kohl. Last week both José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, and his Italian counterpart, Professor Romano Prodi, were enter-tained at home by the German Chancellor.

The coul and fastidious Senor Aznar did not like the dark beer served near Herr Kohf's home town in the Rhineland, but otherwise the ritual of eating a gargantuan meal with Herr Kohl laid to rest any fear that German-



with the fall from power in Madrid of Herr Kohl's favourite man from the Club Prodi had to be content with a

working dinner in Bunn and Herr Kohl said nothing on the yexed subject of Italy's qualifications to join either the exchange-rate mechanism or the single currency.

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Signor Prodi and Señor Aznar are desperate to join the currency club, Thanks to the procedures laid down for the birth of the euro. Germany confronts a paradox. By fusing the mark with schillings, francs and guilders. Germany is supposed to be reassuring its neighbours that it can never again be powerful enough to be daners can only persuade their voters to surrender the mark if Germany is seen to be setting the rules to ensure that the currency works. Not all members of the EU are finding this terribly

German movers and shakers spend more time worrying about Italy than about other potential snag. Italy is the only one of the EU's six founding states in danger of being blocked from joining the euro because its economy cannot pass the tests. Yet Germany is seared of being held responsible for

the faithfully federalist founding state which played host to the Treaty of Rome on

choice between evils. I Germany can encourage rule-bending which allows Italy and Spain to join the euro and give the whole scheme political momentum but only at the risk that financial markets punish the currency for being politically managed and weak. Or Germany can opt for a tight circle of countries already in

zone" but face political troubles. Dividing the EU into blocs might destroy the single market. Faced with rejection by the north and the prospect of losing some of their subsidies to Central Europe, Italy

and Spain might block the

enlargement of the EU to the Could Italy and Spain be promised entry two years after the 1999 start of the currency as long as they behaved well? This idea does men designated to run the European Central Bank, who

the informal "deutschmark would like to be unfettered by political obligations.

> The key issue is not so much whether states meet all the tests next year — even the Bundesbank but how committed countries are to keeping public expen-One huge never-to-be-repeated massage of the figures, known in financial markets as a "Big Bang Fudge", would be feasible, but only if iron discipline followed.

Hans Tietmeyer of the Bundesbank pointed out last

week that, since the the EU has no common political will. it has to have binding rules of economic behaviour to manage the euro. A couple of days later Carlo Ciampi, the Italian Finance Minister, contradicted him: rules with "rigid numerical criteria would be dangerous", he said.

To underline the political gulf that still remains to be crossed, EU ministers announced on the same day that they had spent five years failing to agree on a single European electric plug.

GEORGE BROCK

# Doubts raised over skills of Yeltsin's tame security chief

PRESIDENT Yeltsin sought to calm the turmoil within his administration at the weekend when he appointed a tame Kremlin insider to take over Aleksandr Lebed's duties as security chief and Chechnya

Ivan Rybkin, the former Speaker of parliament and a trusted Yeltsin loyalist, was given the post on Saturday during a brief meeting with the Russian leader at his sanatorium outside Moscow,

Although Mr Rybkin is guaranteed not to create political waves, unlike his ambitious predecessor, there were concerns that he may not be able to carry out key aspects of his job, particularly keeping the peace in Chechnya.

After his appointment, the new secretary of the Security Council said he would do his job "in a businesslike manner, without fuss or noise", a reference to the outspoken General Lebed, who reforted that Mr Rybkin was a lightweight apparatchik whose only concern was pleasing his

Viktor llyushin, the chairman of the parliamentary security committee, echoed the view that the post could be compromised because of Mr Rybkin's "personal loyalry" to the President.

The secretary of the Security Council must know how to defend his own ideas and positions, based on the country's interests," said the Comnately Mr Rybkin has never done so before."

The newcomer's main test will be in Chechnya. He said at the weekend that he was a "convinced supporter" of the peace deal and Akhmed Zakayev, the security chief of the Chechen rebel government, said they were prepared to give him the benefit of the

"We are ready for co-operation and close working contacts with Ivan Rybkin and any Russian official sincerely interested in the re-establish-

Nevertheless, there were

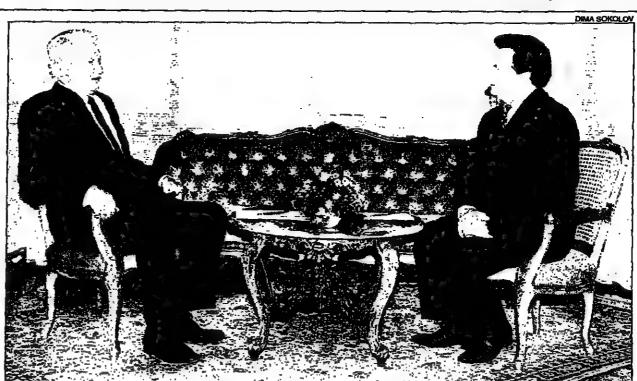
Mr Rybkin had the ability, or the will, to undertake the shuttle diplomacy which General Lebed used to clinch the deal.

There are also fears that he lacks the experience with the country's armed forces to tackgrowing demoralisation and threats of mutiny, which have increased with the sacking of General Lebed.

The army has begun an campaign to win support for its demands for better housing conditions and immediate payment of wage arrears, amounting to millions of

General Lebed spoke out passionately for the army and gave a warning of a potential mutiny this winter, but succeeded only in making enemies in the Kremlin.

Mr Rybkin, with his strong parliamentary background and image as a more diplomatic figure, could win valuable support if he is able to persuade the Duma to tackle



President Yeltsin meets his newly appointed security chief, Ivan Rybkin, in Barvikha, near Moscow, yesterday

#### Mother says she killed daughter, 3

BY ADAM SAGE

A MOTHER who shocked to France when she told how her three-year-old daughter had been molested and murdered has confessed that she was the

Françoise Moreno, 24. admitted that she had killed her child after a 20-hour police interrogation in Montpellier. Her confession on Saturday provoked horror across the country a week after she had been portrayed as a grieving mother whose daughter, Rose-Marie, had fallen victim to an increasingly violent society.

In her original statement to police, she said Rose-Marie had gone missing when she went to buy sweets. Police suspicions rose when the shopkeeper said she had not been to the shop.

# No sex s'il vous plaît, we're French

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

SEX has gone out of fashion the birthplace of the sexual sex in advertising, with all age 1960s turning prudish as it enters middle age, a new

opinion poll has found. The survey of Gallic attithe prestigious School of Commerce in Paris, showed that the French were offended hy some advertisements on billboards and television, and want less nudity, less lovemaking and more old-fash-

some of the crudest marketing the world. One home shopping firm, for instance, posters showing a cacina phallic symbol next to female thighs. "Tomorrow

will be feminine" is the am-Ten years ago the French saw such advertising as testi-mony to their lack of inhibitions. Today they find them shocking. A majority of those 15-25, saying such campaigns

Nudity nounced, even when intended sexual. Although the under-30s were generally tolerant of naked flesh, their elders who seem to have forgotten their slogan of the May 1968 uprising: "It is forbidden to forbid" - are now critical of the undressed models that can be found throughout French

was also de



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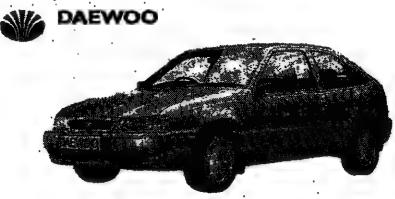


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# 'Soccer moms' set to reward Clinton with winning goal

Louis, half a dozen women sit huddled on metal benches watching their teenage daughters play a soccer match.

The team from Fontbonne slots three goals past Blackburn College, and the political division among these mothers is almost as one-sided. Four are determined to vote for President Clinton while two are still deciding. That, in a nutshell, is why the President is cruising towards re-election two weeks from tomorrow.

He and Bob Dole divide the male vote almost equally, but Mr Clinton leads by 20 to 30 points among women. It is more of a gender canyon than a gender gap, and he has achieved it by appealing dir-

white suburban mothers who daily juggle the conflicting demands of work and family. They "will decide the election". says Alex Castellanos, Mr

moms" include a teacher, a nurse, a security firm employee and a police clerk. They work because they need a second income and have all rushed to the game from their jobs. "Four kids, a job, a husband and never enough hours in the day," complained Vickie Horan, summing up their common plight.

that Mr Dole, 73, with one middle-aged daughter, does not understand their needs, They consider the Republican

Only seven states with a total

of 78 votes are regarded as

unœrtain.

# Dole's attacks fail to wound President

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WITH his campaign running on little more than hope. Bob Dole continued to press his allour anacks on President Clinton and the Democratic Party for accepting what he called improper donations from foreign sources.

The issue has thrown the Democrats unexpectedly on the defensive, but for now at least it is making no impact on Mr Clinton's clear lead in upinion polls over his Republi-

With the election just two weeks from tomorrow, Mr Clinton is ahead of Mr Dole by an average of 12 points nationally. He has a far more commanding advantage, however, in forecasts for the electoral college tally on which the presidential election is

To win the White House, a candidate needs 270 of the 538 electoral college votes, which Dole's media consultant. These particular soccer

The women instinctively feel

opportunity. Democrats have always en-joyed the support of black and poorer women, but a recent Vall Street Journal poll showed Mr Clinton now enjoying a two-to-one advantage among middle-class suburban are apportioned according to each state's seats in Congress. ones, too. To understand how disastrous those figures are for Mr Dole, one needs only to Mr Dole is seen as leading in 14 states, with 110 electoral college votes, against Mr Clinlook at Missouri, a demoton's 29 states plus the city of graphic microcosm of Ameri-Washington with 350 votes. ca, where presidential races

class suburbs of St Louis. The imbalance is forcing Ken Warren, a St Louis Mr Dole to spend time and University polister, says Remoney on shoring up tradi-tional Republican territory, publican candidates need to win at least 55 per cent of the such as Kentucky and Virginvote in those suburbs to carry ia, leaving Mr Clinton free to Missouri. His figures show go poaching for votes in places like New Jersey, where Repubthat thanks to the enormous gender gap — and a booming economy — Mr Clinton is licans have won six of the past actually winning there. seven elections but are trailing

are commonly decided in the

predominantly white middle-

Congress harsh, especially

over social programmes and

abortion, and they admire Hillary Clinton. They are not

conscious of being targeted but targeted they have been,

ly, by a President who quickly

realised the political opportu-

nities they presented. Mr Clinton offers parents a

legal right to take time off

work to attend their children's

needs. He promises tax breaks

for school fees, curbs on cigarette advertising, and V-

chips in televisions so absent

parents can control their chil-

drens' viewing. With great

fanfare he recently signed a

Bill letting new mothers spend

August's Democratic con-

vention was one long tribute to "soccer moms". More than 50

women spoke, and the Clintons flaunted Chelsea at every

another 24 hours in hospital.

tematically and continual-

That translates into a dou-Mr Dole ratcheted up his ble-digit lead for him in Missouri as a whole, and Mr invective against the President in a weekend radio address. Dole has virtually conceded The ethical vacuum at the America's ultimate bellwether heart of this Administration state: Missouri has backed the has been filled with foreign winner in every presidential election this century save 1956.

# **Taleban** puts boys in 'stocks' for theft of scrap

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

JAWAD, 13, stands on a chair in the middle of one of Kabul's main roads, balancing a heavy chunk of waste metal on one shoulder, his legs shaking with fatigoe. Hours tick by in this modernday version of the stocks. Hundreds of people silently stare. Tears cut through his soot-blackened face and children chant "thief".

This was medieval Afghanistan yesterday. It explains why Kabul hates the Taleban rulers, an uneducated, rural people with no knowledge of city life and a repugnance for its comparatively liberal ways. Jawad had stolen a few pieces of worthless scrap metal - in a city that is a giant scrapyard from 17 years of

A youth a few years older, apparently mute, stood on another chair beside him, holding a large iron drawer from a discarded filing cabi-net. He had stolen it. He did not cry, but whenever somebody said something to him he pointed to his mouth and made a gagging sound. Every ten or 15 minutes he shunted the heavy object to the other shoulder. He rubbed one swollen eye, trying to remove some gritty soot.

A bus pulled up alongside the youths and its passengers craned to see. Both boys stared at the ground. People seemed as disgusted by the abuse as they were fascinated by it. "Talebs are primitive," a man whispered. They have taken us back centuries."

Mullah Malang, 22, who devised the punishment, is angry with the boy who will not speak. "He is pretending to be mute," be said. He screamed something abusive at the youths in Pashto and Jawad wept loudly. "Do not cry or you will be punished." the muliah said. The wooden



chairs creaked as the boys shuffled their aching feet. The stolen goods lay in the remains of a bicycle, a holed bucket, and some twisted

people what will happen to them if they steal." The scrap was deemed to be Talebanowned because it came from the grounds of one of the many old bombed-out pai-

We told them these things belong to the government of Taleban. We will not tolerate stealing. This will show people what will happen to them if they steal

metal from a car wreck, "We aces in Kabul, which are state told them these things belong to the Government of property. Mullah Malang said he had done the boys a Mullah Malang favour: had he referred the says. "We will not tolerate affair to higher authorities they might have had one or

This will show

four hours the boys stood down unsteadily and hurried

both hands amputated. After

Meanwhile, the battle for Afghanistan moved closer to Kabul yesterday. Rockets and shells were fired towards the civilian airport, the first direct attack on the capital and the Taleban fighters who have controlled the city for the past

three weeks.

Military helicopters and fighter planes scrambled for safety and the city braced for a siege. Taleban soldiers plied north to reinforce the lines after the fall of Bagram military airbase to forces loval to the former

### Orthodox Jews go surfing on the kosher Internet

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

OBSERVANT Jews have come to terms with the information superhighway and produced a kosher version of the Internet that will shelter them from anything that might upset their sensibilities.

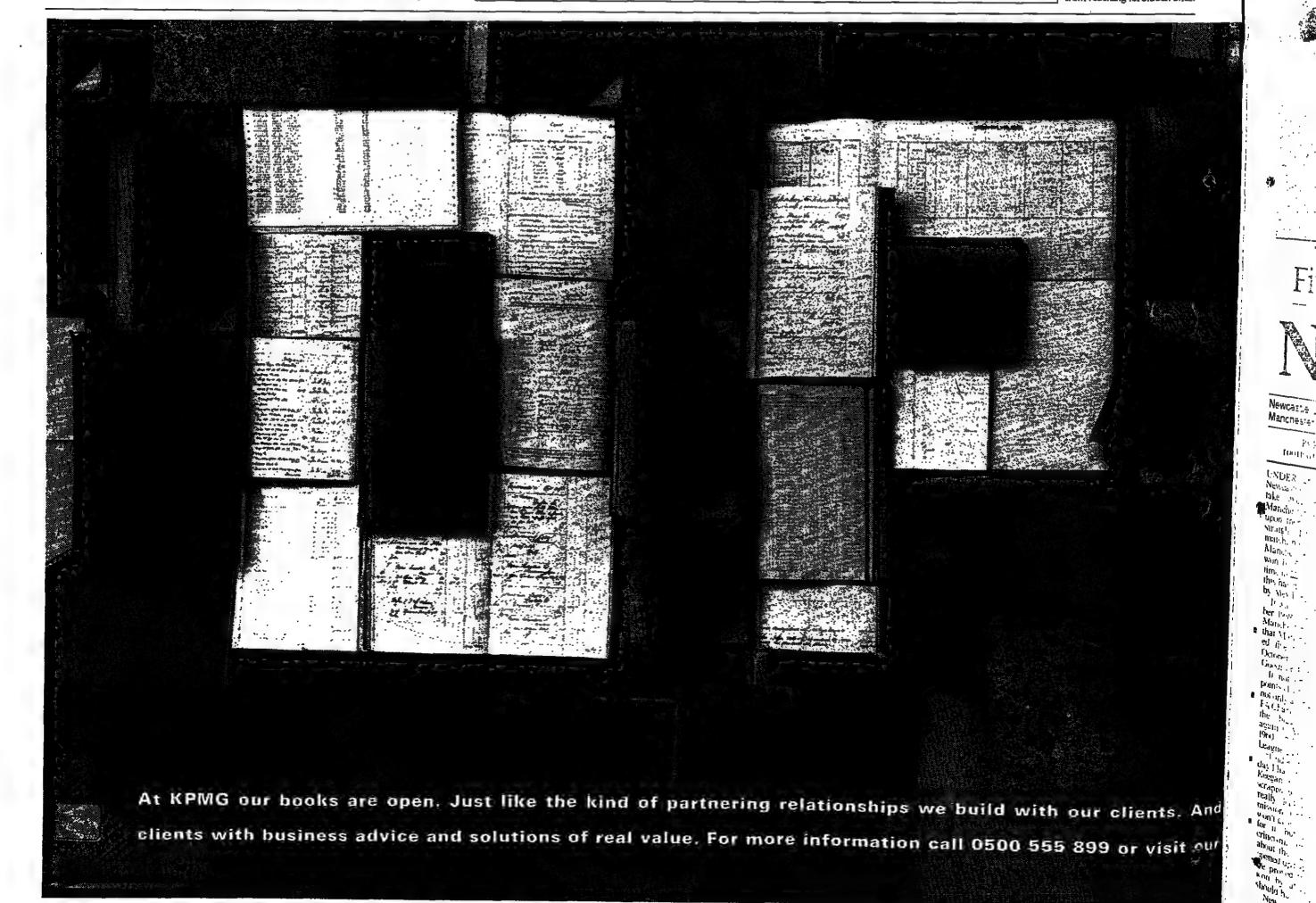
Administered by an Israeli company with the biblical name of Toranet, the new service was launched yesterday. It shields subscribers from all photographs of women, even those modestly dressed, and allows them to send e-mail questions on Halacha (religious law) to Orthodox rabbis and receive answers "within a few days".

We have a team of five young religious men who surf the Internet daily, examine the content of web pages and decide whether to recommend if they can be included in Toranet," said Zvi Ilani, the

marketing manager. The Jerusalem Post said: The Internet is no longer offlimits to observant Jews who fear the 'dirty parts' of the computer network will lead them and their children astray. They can now sub-scribe to a 'filtered' Internet in Hebrew and English."

The service has been giving the blessing of Rabbi Binyamin Yonatan Weiss from the Israeli seaside town of Netanya. As well as protecting subscribers from unacceptable influences, it provides web sites giving details on such subjects as sex-separated swimming pools, kosher restaurants and the times of the beginning and end of the weekly sabbath.

The Jews behind the novel service say that it was hard to develop the technology that makes possible controlled access to the Internet, which some people had claimed as "uncensorable". They said that the problem had been solved by giving Toranet users access only to certain sites, rather than barring them from reaching forbidden ones.



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May, of Manchester United, is unable to prevent Shearer scoring the fourth of five Newcastle United goals in the Premiership meeting at St James' Park yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Five-goal rout of champions brings revenge to Tyneside

# Newcastle open floodgates

Manchester United .....0

By ROB HUGHES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

UNDER grey and leaden skies, Newcastle United rained goals to take sweet revenge for all that Manchester United have inflicted upon them. Winning their seventh straight FA Carling Premiership match, pounding a tired and tetchy Manchester United into the turf, they won by five clear goals - the first time in 22 years of management that

by Alex Ferguson. It was the first time since September 1989, when they went down to Manchester City 5-1 at Maine Road, that Manchester United had conceded five in the League. Not since October 1984, against Everton at Goodison Park, had they lost 5-0.

this has happened to a team selected

It not only put Newcastle three points clear in the Premiership table, not only avenged the 4-0 defeat in the FA Charity Shield in August, but was the biggest Newcastle scoreline against Manchester United since 1960 - 7-3 - and there have been 44 League games between them since.

Undoubtedly the most enjoyable day I have had as a manager." Kevin Keegan enthused. "Our first goal was scrappy, what followed was class, we really looked like a team on a mission. Unfortunately, the League won't give us more than three points for it, but I awoke yesterday to criticism, some of it from top people. about the way we are doing it. We opened up today, we played our way. e proved that the League can be won by attacking football, as we

should have done last season." Newcastle, indeed, proved as difficult to contain as an unbroken stallion. What did break was the order, the discipline, the concentrahad given English football such a memorable night in Istanbul last

Five of the champions were booked - Schmeichel, May, Butt, Poborsky and the captain, Cantona, who feuded throughout with Albert. To be scrupulously fair. Manchester were weary almost before the kick-off; you could see it in the slumped shoulders of Pallister, whose sciatica problem can scarcely take two games in a week, never mind the harrowing experience on the Bosphorus, after which the players touched down in England at 4am on Thursday. This kind of scheduling - home to Liverpool, away to Fenerbahçe and then travelling up to St James' Park - is an absolutely ludicruosly way to

run a League. Still, Newcastle are not complaining. They were rampant without ever achieving the heights and the domination which they established over Manchester United at home last March in a game which they lost because Schmeichel was in the form of even his life.

Schmeichel had gone nine hours

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his goal fell yesterday in the thir-teenth minute. The move began when Beckham gave the ball away to Ginola. The French winger danced past Gary Neville, withstood the barging of Beckham and passed to Ferdinand, whose shot was deflected

Ginola took it. Shearer outjumped the defence, and Peacock headed down towards goal. Irwin scooped the ball away from beneath the bar but, as television technology was to prove, referee Dunn rightly ruled that it had crossed the goal-line.

The inevitable arguments led to Schmeichel's booking but, although a Cantona free kick was to float alarmingly close to Smicek's own bar, on the half-hour Ginola was to score a sublime second goal, and there was not a semblance of doubt and nine minutes undefeated before about its quality or its merit.

edge of the penalty box and, with his right foot, hit the ball across Schmeichel, angled and arrowed for the inside of the far post. Schmeichel almost had whiplash as he turned, startled, to see the ball go by. A few minutes later. Shearer, from the same distance, struck the base of his

And now, with Barry ensuring that Newcastle were not beaten, as before, in the competitive area of midfield, one could positively sense the rout, However, Manchester United did not give up, and Beckham provided enough accurate ball from the right for a better finisher than Poborsky to

have scored more than once. The hunger in Newcastle, each man speaking afterwards of returning the embarrassment they felt at Wembley in the Charity Shield, would not be repressed. After 63 minutes Shearer produced a cross that invited Ferdinand to rise majestically. The header struck the crossbar and came down. Ferdinand for an instant looked anguished, but then ecstatic as backspin carried the ball over the line.

And Shearer again was the instiga-

we'll be OK. We could have scored five goals ourselves, it was an unusual game, the biggest defeat of Steve McManaman Ogrizovic suffers ...

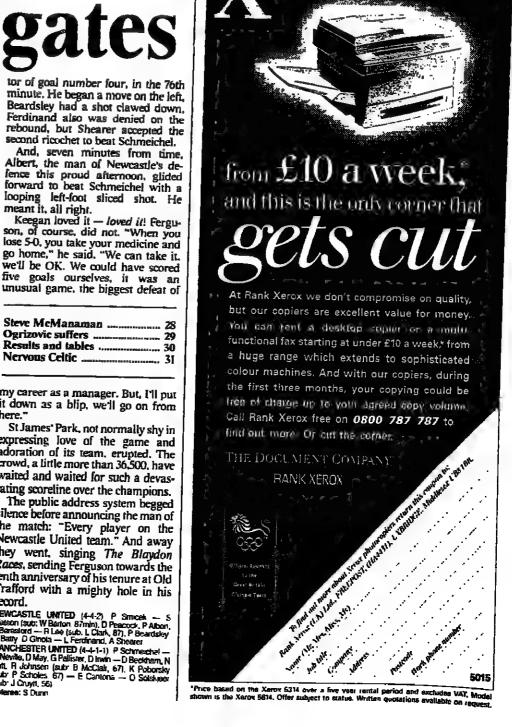
Results and tables Nervous Celtic ..

my career as a manager. But, I'll put it down as a blip, we'll go on from St James' Park, not normally shy in

expressing love of the game and adoration of its team, erupted. The crowd, a little more than 36,500, have waited and waited for such a devastating scoreline over the champions. The public address system begged

silence before announcing the man of the match: "Every player on the Newcastle United team." And away they went, singing The Blaydon Races, sending Ferguson towards the tenth anniversary of his tenure at Old Trafford with a mighty hole in his record.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2) P Smicek — S Watson (sub: W Barton 87min), D Peacock, P Albon, J Barrestord — R Lee (sub. L Clark, 87), P Beardsky D Batty D Ginota — L Ferdinand, A Shearer MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-1-1) P Schmechel — G Newle, D May, G Pallister, D Inwin — D Bedchem, N Butt. R Johnsen (sub: B McClait, 67). K Poborsky (sub: J Cruyrt, 567) — E Cantons — O Sotskiper (sub: J Cruyrt, 567)



# Liverpool given fixtures headache

THE Merseyside derby was postponed yesterday after a downfall of biblical proportions caused the pitch to become waterlogged (David Maddock writes). The game was cancelled just 45 minutes before kick-off to leave Liverpool and Everton supporters angry and frustrated.

it also leaves Liverpool with a fixtures headache as they struggle to juggle their matches to cope with a series of postponements. Peter ed that he had no alternative but to

Robinson, the Liverpool secretary, said: "We have already got to look for new dates for our home games with Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest because they clashed with international dates," he said. "If we get through against Sion, we'll have to find a new date for our home game against Leeds, and now we have a fourth game to be

reorganised." Roger Dilkes, the referee, insist-

many supporters had already entered the Anfield stadium. "It was an easy decision." Dilkes said. "Despite the strenuous efforts of the groundstaff, the weather was beating them. There was water everywhere and the ball was being held up. The safety of the players was at the forefront of my mind, and I would have made the same decision whether it was on the television or not."

postpone the game, even though

# Britons make breakthrough on streets of Chicago



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ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN CHICAGO

AT LAST, at long last. For the first time in seven years, a British marathon runner broke the 2hr 10min barrier yesterday. Not that he stopped there. Paul Evans, who took up full-time running after being made redundant from his job as a shoemaker, became only the third Briton to break 2hr 09min when he won the Chicago marathon

It was the most successful day for British marathon running in a decade. Marian Sutton, despite the training disadvantages of living in Looe, Cornwall, won the women's

had to rely on Liz McColgan for its big city women's marathon victories but not any more.

One beauty of the successes was in their contrast. Evans, resisting the safe option of leaving his move until late, pulled away after 18 miles and, thereafter, was never chal-lenged. Sutton, well down the field at the half-way stage and 34sec adrift of Kristy Johnston, the leader, at 23 miles, did not hit the front until

a mile from home. Second in New York last year and third in London last April, Evans was still seeking his first big win. but that alone was not the sum of his ambition. He wanted a fast time.

race. Since Veronique Marot's After kicking away from his final London victory in 1989, Britain has challenger. Leonid Shvetsov, from Russia, Evans put in three sub-4min 50sec miles to open up a huge lead. He could not be caught unless he had misjudged it. "I never doubted I had done the right thing." Evans

> Evans finished in 2hr 08min 51sec, maintaining a fine British tradition here that began with Steve Jones setting a then world record of 2hr 08min 05sec in 1984. Jones ran the present British record of 2hr 07hr 13sec to win again in 1985, then Paul Davies-Hale took the title in 1989 and Eamonn Martin followed suit last year. Sutton, though, is the first British woman to win Chicago. Both winners pocketed a \$40,000

said. "I felt good all the way."

cheque (about £20,500) for finishing in first place and Evans a \$20,000 bonus for breaking 2hr 09min.

Only Jones and Charlie Spedding, who has run 2hr 08min 33sec, remain ahead of Evans on the British all-time list. Evans jumped from fourteenth to third ahead of. among others. Ian Thompson, Ron Hill and Richard Nerurkar.

Evans was a late entrant after New York, strangely, had failed to find room in its budget for him. Evans said, however, that he took no persuading to come to Chicago because of its reputation for being a fast course.

Yet the 3S-year-old may never have taken up running had he not been a failed footballer. "I had the

speed, but the problems began when somebody gave me the ball." he said. "My manager told me to take up running. I was hurt at the time, but now I am glad he said it." Sumon, easily picked out by her height, which she likes to describe as 5ft 12in, was not evident for most

of the race. At no stage, though, did she give up the thought of winning. Oping for a steady pace, she always believed she would pick up places.

The marathon is such a cruel distance," she said. "I did not know they would come back, but I knew they could come back." Improving

2hr 30min 4lsec. Sutton hoped that

Britain's Olympic Games selectors

would regret leaving her out of the

the United States. her best by almost two minutes to

felt I had a point to prove today, "she said, referring to her omission after she had run faster than two athletes who were selected.

Sunon, because she lives remote from running partners, has to cover 80 per cent of her training in isolation. Without street lights outside Looe, on dark winter nights she is forced to run repetitive loops. She won here by 25sec from Johnston, of

Jerry Lawson, of the United States, took second behind Evans in 2hr Jomin 23sec. Martin was fourth in 2hr Ilmin 20sec and Gary Staines made it three Britons in the first five with a personal best 2hr Hmin

IN BRIEF

Davies in

breeze

to another

victory ·

LAURA DAVIES pulled off the eighth win of the year when she battled to a final round of 76 to win the Italian Open golf tournament over

the windswept Il Picciola course in Sicily yesterday. With a ten-under-par total of 282, Davies completed a 48th career victory when she

finished three strokes clear of Fiona Pike, from Australia,

who shared second place with

Tina Fischer, from Germany.

Her fourth Italian Open

triumph earned Davies

EI5,000 to assure her of lead-

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Cycling: Sean Yates ends an 🐗

for the fourth time since 1985.

international career spanning

14 years next weekend when

he competes in the final round

of the World Cup series in

Japan. It will be a double

farewell for the Sussex rider.

an Olympic pursuiter in the 1980 Games, who became

Europe's top Domestique: the

race will also mark the break-

up of his team after Motorola's

decision to end its

Yesterday, Yates returned to

his roots, time-trials, to win the Brighton Mitre 25-mile trial based on a course at

Stevning with a record time of 52min 54sec. Eighteen years ago, he won the trial in 55min 19sec.

Ice hockey: Bracknell Bees

Sharks stung

Yates bows out

BOXING: EUBANK'S NEWLY-DISCOVERED ZEAL FOR CONVERSION NOT MATCHED BY LACKLUSTRE PERFORMANCE IN THE RING

# Repeat show from the impossible missionary

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN CAIRO

CHRIS EUBANK has always talked a good fight. On the evidence of his facile disposal of Luis Barrera on his return to the ring, the fear is that the talk is getting better and the fights worse. "History in the making." Eubank called the first professional boxing promotion in the Middle East, but it did not take the soldiers, sailors and dignitaries, who made up most of the crowd of 10,000, long to get the hang of

The Cairo indoor stadium, a sort of Wembley Arena with rugs, soon echoed to the twin anthems of Eubank's enigmatic career. Simply the Best accompanied his grand entrance: the slow handelap broke out after a couple of rounds as it dawned on the assembled militia that crossing the street was far more dangerous than this new-fangled boxing lark. Come on, Christopher, get busy," came one weary English voice from among the red velvet VIP chairs. Music to Eubank's

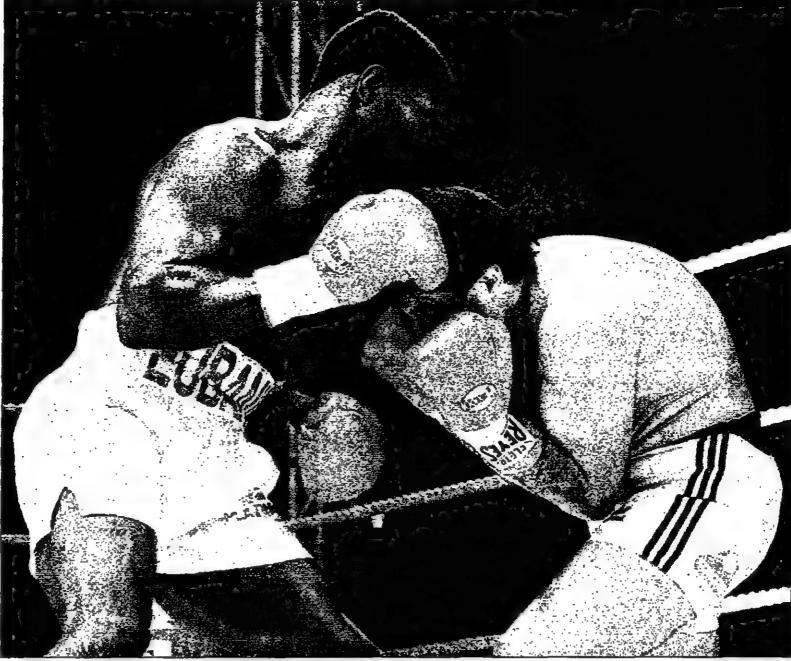
Eubank has couched his comeback in the language of the missionary and philosopher. Money is not the object, he said. This was about bringing boxing to the masses. opening up markets - the street markets that teem with robust but hopeless children searching, as Eubank once did, for a way out of poverty. Any budding world champion tuning in to Egyptian national television on Saturday night would, however, have received a severely distorted view of the

rough, tough world of professional boxing. Not so much blood sport as a cross between bodybuilding and ballroom dancing, a strange ritual in which two men circle each other while occasionally engaging in brief flurries of action and mean stares. Imagine a whole generation of Eubanks emerging from the backstreets of Cairo.

Barrera had read the small print on his contract carefully enough. He reversed the usual order of robbery by running, then taking the money. Billed as the "best fighter in South America", he backpedailed for four rounds, threw one meaningful punch and, when Eubank finally decided to get a little serious in the fifth, he crumpled to his knees after one cuff to the head and a decent body shot. Eubank was in more danger from tripping over the plush Persian carpets on his way to the ring. or choking on dry ice, than he was from the Argentine.

"How much better an opponent do you want me to get? he asked. "He was clever and strong and I've been out of the ring for 12 months and one week. If I had stood still he

would have hurt me." Eubank will fight again in three or fourth months, probably back in the Middle East, which he describes as his second home, and as a lightheavyweight, his natural weight. He will continue to promote his own fights through his company, Show Off Ltd. "I can whistle while I work and tap my feet at the



Eubank, left, delivers a somewhat less than venomous combination of blows to end his insipid contest with Barerra early in the fifth round

same time," he said. Whether be can make money doing it is open to doubt, unless more credible opponents than Barrera are served up for international television. For all his bravado, no one could sustain the sort of losses Eubank must have done in promoting the Style on the

If the show was depressing-

familiar, in one respect Eubank has changed. The contempt he once showed for his profession has been replaced by a new belief in the healing powers of "the noble art" as he now calls boxing. 'I've always loved to hate boxing." he said. "But boxing has made me a better person. Nothing gives me the buzz, the money, the platform, the re-

spect that boxing does. It's a springboard to bigger and better things."

Fancy words, noble sentiments: but like so much of Eubanik's life, a hopeless fusion of fantasy and reality. Now that he seems to have turned his back on his home. Eubank sees himself as a globe-trotting ambassador for his sport. It would be sad to

circus to ever more remote corners, condemned to a lifetime of preaching to the unconvertible, an object of increasing ridicule. Eubank is too important a character for

see him trailing his tired

Should he want it, a World Boxing Organisation title bout should not be long delayed. Eubank thinks he will be pressurised into climbing the adder too quickly," he said. 'i'll take things at my own There are rumours of a

ready in a year. "I will not be

double bill with Eubank and Naseem Hamed and of staging his next show at Euro Disney. All talk probably. But you have to admire the man's

sponsorship.

brought off the surprise of the Superleague season by defeating Sheffield Steelers 5-1 on Saturday, inflicting the first home defeat on the Yorkshire 🕏 club in almost two years. Three first-year players took the lead role in Bracknell's victory. Wayde Bucsis scoring a hat-trick. Dale Junkin scoring two goals and Mark Bernard, the netminder, saving 47 of Sheffield's 48 shots on

#### Horton supreme

Golf: Tommy Horton, 53, with a round of 69 that gave him a four-round total of 200, beat his playing partners, Malcolm Gregson (71) and Gary Player (70), into joint second place on 208 in the Player Championship at The Buckinghamshire, Denham yesterday.

#### Millwall in hunt

Football: Croydon head the women's Premier national league after a 2-1 victory at Southampton Saints but their form is being matched by Millwall Lionesses - 2-1 win-ners at likeston - who trail the league leaders on goal difference.

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# Duff sure angry Woodhall will box on

BOWING CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON

RICHIE WOODHALL'S hopes of gaining recognition and financial security suffered a setback when he failed to lift the World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight title at Upper Marlboro, near here, on Saturday.

Woodhall. from Telford. was stopped in the twelfth round by Keith Holmes, of the United States, and the experience of finding himself on the floor for the first time left him in such a despondent state that he wondered if there was any point in carrying on bosing.

DESPITE being 1-0 down in

the three-match international

series, spirit in the Great

Britain camp remains buoy-

ant (Christopher Irvine

writes). Nonetheless, they re-

quire a positive return from

the trek north to Whangarei

tomorrow, where they will face formidable Maori opposi-

tion, in order to get off the

mark in New Zealand. A

psychological lift after a draw

and two defeats is important.

Tinkering, rather than dras-

tic change, is expected for

second full international

match on Friday. Chris Joynt,

now fully recovered from inju-

ry, could be the one change to

the starting line-up, barring

mishaps. Britain need all the

experience they can muster, in

which case Paul Sculthorpe.

one of three ternagers in the

side, would drop down to the

The decision vesterday to

substitute's bench.

He said: "The way I've been treated, I don't know whether I want to be a part of it anymore. It's a rat race of a game, i might even retire after this." His camp claims that the WBC kept him waiting 18 months for the contest.

Before the bout, he had said: "I hope Mickey [Duff, his manager | doesn't want me to fight for the WBC again. It's been a nightmare. I don't want to have anything to do with them. When I say goodbye to boxing I'll have nothing good to say about them."

Woodhall has no other profession to turn to to support his family. It will be surprising if, on reflection he does not

Jason Critchley, who have both been limping for several

days, gives Phil Larder, the

coach, a problem with a shortage of cover on the

switched to the right flank

from centre for the match

tomorrow. Larder has had to

call on the touring Great

Britain Academy side to loan

Nathan McAvoy, their cap-

tain, who will be on the bench

as an emergency measure at

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain in search of

psychological lift

decide to carry on boxing. Duff, said he will still challenge for the European title and, after that, another world

Nine months absence from the ring had, after all, eroded his sharpness and it did not help that Holmes was a southpaw. Woodhall has trouble with southpaws. But worst of all was his inability to focus on his preparation for the final fortnight. Woodhall had had an operation on his right elbow just eleven days ago. The doctor said I would have to have it done again after the fight." he said. "I almost called off the fight, but having waited

No long I did not know when

STEVE DAVIS provided evi-

dence that his first tourna-

ment win for 21 months could

well be imminent when he

carried recent high-quality

practice form into a competi-

tive environment during a 5-0

victory over Gerard Greene in

the Grand Prix at Bourne-

mouth yesterday (Phil Yates

Davis, the six-times world

and United Kingdom champi-

on, reached the last 16 of the

event on the strength of a

smooth display that lasted for

only 82 minutes. In so doing.

Davis demonstrated that a

title drought, stretching back

to the Regal Welsh Open of

January 1995, could be com-

While Davis was encour-

aged with his showing, he

does not believe that the path

to a fourth Grand Prix success

has been significantly

smoothed by the early depar-

ing to an end

writes).

SNOOKER

Davis discovers form

to end barren spell

I'd get the chance again."
While not putting it forward
as an excuse, he said his arm injury returned after the third round. "Yes, it was painful, but he beat me fair and square. I was rusty and did not know how rusty until I got into the ring."

It was clear from this performance that inadequate preparation together with his injury had left him mentally insecure. When the bell went, he was unable to impose his will on Holmes, who though a slick hoxer, is not daunting. Indeed, for much of the contest it was Holmes who showed him respect but Woodhall was not able to turn it to his

ture of luminaries such as

Stephen Hendry and Peter Ebdon.

are brilliant these days," Da-

vis said. "In my heyday, the

world No 70 was virtually a

part-timer. If I had played

him. I only had to stand up to

win. Now, the lower-ranked

players can fire in three

"These lads today don't

hold the bigger names in as

much reverence as we did.

They don't have as much

respect for reputations, but all

of this competition is tremen-

dous and it certainly kept me

Davis next meets Mark

Bennett, hoping to maintain

the confident approach which

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"Even the so-called mugs

advantage. The judges had him trailing by four, five and six rounds, I had him three rounds behind, a deficit he could have wined out if he had used that chopping right hand on Holmes's chin. Although he fought back in

the eleventh round he was exhausted and was not able to fend off a little left hook that dropped him onto his back. He got up at nine but was unsteady when Arthur Marcante, the referee, waved on the contest, it remained for Holmes to hit Woodhall 17 times without reply. As Woodhall was about to fold again Marcante quickly

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

#### Barnstormers lead British team home

KRISTINA Gifford and Rodney Powell carried the British team to success at Le Lion d'Angers International horse trials in France yesterday. when they finished first and second after barnstorming cross country performances and good showjumping rounds (Davina Cannon

writes). They also took first and second in the young horse championship. The brief to the riders by Jenny Nolan, chef d'equipe for

the team at the start of the event was "ride for your life". and they certainly did. Gillard went into the final

showjumping yesterday with only one fence in hand. She said: "It was so tight at the top. It was wonderful to get a win here, which is just like a mini-Olympics - so many top riders with their young horses." Her recent three-day event win in Necarne, Ireland, with

Mr Macauley, now brings her total three-day event successes to four and makes up for her disappointment in missing the Olympic Games in Atlanta due to lame horses.

Rodolphe Scherer, a member of the the France team that took fourth place in the Olympics, was third, having been consistently in the leadthree through-

He now moves to Waterstock, Oxford, "to train and teach and benefit from the excellent British eventing opportunities"

Mark Todd's costly three showjumps down dropped him from third after the cross country to 15th place.

Rodney Powell and Flintstone blazed the trail. taking an early lead in Saturday's action-packed cross country and boosting British

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GOLF: UNDEFEATED SOUTH AFRICAN BEATS SINGH OF FIJI TO CLAIM THIRD SUCCESSIVE WORLD MATCH PLAY TITLE

# Victory lion no match for tigerish Els

By JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

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Decrease of

ERNIE ELS has turned a leafy Surrey suburb into an outpost ing the West Course at Wentworth something of a personal domain by winning the Toyota World Match Play Championship for the third year in a row yesterday. Not since the competition began, in 1964, has anyone won three consecutive finals. Els, who first competed in this event in 1994, when he was the reigning US Open champion, has played nine matches without defeat and accumulated £500,000 at a rate of £1,634 per hole. All this largesse from one sponsor and he still does not have his own ear back home in South Africa.

In the drizzle vesterday, Els flicked away the challenge of Vijay Singh, from Fiji, as easily as he wiped some rain drops from his forchead. Singh was no match for him, He was not one of the four seeds and had played 37 holes. more than Els, the No I seed, before the final Perhaps fatigue began to catch up with Singh when the damp started to seep into his clother and his glasses became misted over. Certainly, Singh's golf did not have the same fluent

**DETAILS** 

accuracy and power in the

SEMI-FINALS: E Els (SA) bi M Brooks (US) 10 and 8: V Singh (Figi bi T Lehman (US) at 97th. THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF: Brooks by Lightnan 1 noise FINAL: Els bi Singh 3 and 2

final as it had in the preceding rounds. Singh had only two bogeys in his three matches before the final, but had three yesterday morning and a fourth after lunch. The man whose name in Sanskrit means Victory Lion was defeated by 3 and 2.

Els. 27 last Thursday, plays well at Wentworth for a number of reasons. He is big and strong enough not to be overpowered by the muscular challenge presented by the Burma Road. He has an ideal temperament for matchplay, rarely getting ruffled and not giving up easily. If he was prone to that latter weakness, he would not have come back from being six down to Steve Stricker on Friday — and his putting stroke is smooth and reliable. Gone is that destructive tendency to hook the bail off the tee, that has dogged

Still, there is more to Els's extraordinary run of success than that. "It goes back to the year I finished second to José Maria Olazabal in the PGA here." Els said, a broad smile on his face. "That year, I think I learnt how to play the course and I liked it. I learnt where to put your tee ball, where to be in the fairway, where to go for



Els demonstrates the power that has made him such a dominant force at Wentworth over the past three years, and took him to a 3 and 2 victory in the final yesterday

the flag. I think I was 17 under par for four rounds. The course suits my game. I like having to work out that on some holes you must take a three-wood or a two-iron from the tee and then to go for the

On a damp, overcast morning, when Singh was two up after three holes and two down after nine, there were two strokes that stick in the memory. On the 12th, Els hooked his tee shot into the trees and fairway. As he tried to work out how to play his second, it appeared that he had little option but to come out sideways. Somehow, though, he found a gap in the foliage and punched his ball through it with a seven-iron to 50 yards from the green. After such heroics, getting down in two

A cardinal rule when playing the 13th hole is not to go left from the tee. Singh disobeyed this rule and, when he reached his ball, he saw that his route to the green was blocked by trees. To avoid these trees and reach the green, he had to shape his shot from right to left. He did this beautifully, by as much as 30 yards, so that it finished on the back fringe of the green, from

where he two-putted. These holes apart, there was a surprising amount of lacklustre play, as if the grey skies that always threatened to unload heavy rain were affecting the ability of the two men beneath.

The 12th in the afternoon the 30th hole of the day played an important part in determining the outcome of the final. Singh failed to take advantage of being near the

green in two strokes. His chip on to the wet green pulled up quicker than he expected and he two-putted. He has been reconciled, by the way, with a normal-sized putter after a year's liaison with a broomhandle putter. Els, meanwhile, had hit into the trees, hacked out, and counted himself lucky to get away with a half and remain three up.

"I gave him five holes," Singh said. "I conceded one and I had four bogeys, and then I did not birdie the 12th from the side of the green. That is not good enough. If you give holes to him then he is a very hard player to win those holes back from. He did not miss a shot this afternoon until the 12th hole, and he got away with a par and a half. He swung the club well and he's such a good player. He is going to be No I soon."

#### THREE YEARS OF DOMINATION BY ELS AT WENTWORTH



A familiar sight: Els with the World Match Play trophy

beat S Ballesteros (Sp) 2 and 1 (11 under par) best J-M Clazabai (Sp) 2 and 1 beal C Monigometre (Scot) 4 and 2 (7 under par) Prize-money: \$160,000

> beel L Janzen (US) 4 and 3 (12 under par) beat B Langer (Ger) 1 hole (7 under par) bast S Elangton (Aus.) 3 and 1 (ib under par) Prize-money: £170,000

best S Stricker (US) 1 hole (5 under par) best M Brooks (US) 10 and 8 (4 under par) best V Singh (Fili) 3 and 2 (4 under par) Prize-money: C170,000 63 under par Prize-money: £500,000

BASKETBALL

# Jets soar to surprise victory over Towers

By NICHOLAS HARLING

AS IF to emphasise that their two recent defeats of Sheffield Sharks were no fluke. Chesier Jets went one better by recording the shock result of the season so far at Wembley last

The Jets, who finished one from bottom in the Budweiser League last season, beat London Towers, the champions, 91-86. They survived a frantic last two minutes after laving the foundations for their success with a blistering 18-2 pre-interval burst, during which Kevin Cadle, the Towers' coach, incurred a



technical for protesting too

During that spell, the Jets overcame the London press all too easily for the liking of Cadle. To beat London, you've got to beat their press," Mike Burton, the jubilant Jets' coach, said.

Billy Singleton (22 points) and Ricardo Leonard (18) excelled at close quarters, but the Jets were also indebted in the backcourt to Russ Saunders (25) and Nigel Palmer (15). For Saunders, the league's all-time top scorer and the shooter of four three-pointers yesterday. the occasion was particularly sweet as he played under Cadle for Guildford Kings three years ago. The Leopards, who receive

the Towers in next Sunday's eagerly-awaited capital encounter, registered the highest score of the season en route to their 130-108 victory over Hemel & Warford Royals on Saturday. Watched by Ronnie Baker, the England guard, who is at the centre of a stormy transfer saga involving Crystal Palace, the Leopards won convincingly, helped by 34 points from Eric Burks.

Baker's prevarications over a proposed transfer to Palace led to Alton Byrd being forced out of retirement two weeks short of his 39th birthday. Bird, the Palace coach, played in his team's 87-74 defeat at Birmingham Bullets.

Leopards, who released Baker in the summer, now want him back but are refusing to pay the £2,000 transfer fee demanded by Palace. The English Basketball Association will arbitrate on

# Below-par cast list leaves Alliss in wonder land

n excited Alex Hay exclaimed: "Ooh, just look at that divot, Fantastic on the super slo-mo camera, aren't they?" I looked
— it was indeed a fine divot, a truly remarkable piece of turf that, liberated from its natural habitat, arced and soared into the air before falling back to earth ... ooh, all of six feet away from Vîjay Singh's left

The final day of the Toyota World Match Play Championship and it was all getting a bit technical on BBC2. And rightly so, because this was never going to be a day that attracted much interest from the non-golfing viewer. It was wet, Wentworth looked cold and Colin Montgomerie had gone out of the tournament on Friday. Bad news, I suspect. for viewing figures, but good news for the Alex Hay Swing Clinic. Suddenly the air was thick with talk of long thumbs, folded wrists and flat left heels. I didn't understand a word of it

For those in a similar position there was always our old friend, Peter Alliss, to fall back on. It was he who explained why Ernie Els and Singh were paddling their way round the final 18 holes in almost total silence. "Difficult to clap when you have an umbrella in one hand." Ah, what it is to have the common touch. What it is to have the communication skills to turn a perfectly legitimate viewer's plea for larger writing on scorecards into a damming critique of the modern car radio: "You need good glasses and four A levels to find what

used to be called the Light

Programme." Ah. the Light

Programme, that reminds me

of my old friend . . .



**MATTHEW BOND** 

TV ACTION REPLAY

After four days in Alliss's company, I feel pretty much up to speed on his old friends. We know which ones are recovering from by-pass sur-gery, which ones are still enjoying their "pints of hops" at 86 and which one is dreading next weekend, when the clocks go back and he has to adjust his collection of 700 timepieces. Actually, Alliss announced during the morning round that the clocks had actually gone back yesterday ... just his little joke, of But Alliss had gone all

sons that Hay had gone all technical. On the course, the action was not quite hitting the mark. "Bit of a dull day," he told Steve Rider on Thursday. "Lehman, Jones, Brooks — not exactly household names, are they?" he observed on Friday, as somebody called Stricker went six-up against Els. Sadly, the one man who might have put a bit of flesh on the bones of these lesserknown Americans, Dave Marr. had to forgo his stint in

anecdotal for the same rea-

the BBC commentary box because of ill-health. As it turned out Friday was probably the best day for the BBC cameras - although it certainly did not look that way when a slightly anxious-looking Rider bade us welcome shortly after 2pm. Bad weather had caused a delay to the morning round, long enough

for the BBC to go an air just as the players were at lunch. No problem - there were highlights of the morning round to eatch up on. So why Rider's vague-sounding promise of "hopefully bringing you live action later on" — especially with the more part for for with the weather set fair for the afternoon?

I have no idea. But what followed showed the importance of the word "live" that the satellite channels have in the corner of their screens but which the BBC usually avoids. For, after deliberately lingering over the morning highlights, coverage of the second round got under way about an hour after play had actually begun.

o while the pictures showed Brooks and Montgomerie battling it out at the 2nd. Ceefax showed that they had already settled the 6th. This delayed coverage masquerading as live - a bad habit picked up from the BBC's snooker coverage will not do.

To be fair, however, the BBC made up for it later, commendably extending the afternoon coverage - by then properly live - to capture the last-putt victories of Els and Brooks and running into the football results on Saturday so that we could see Singh claim victory at the extra hole. Good lads, as Alliss would HOCKEY

# **Edwards** goal brings Reading safely home

By Sydney Friskin

PERSISTENT rain did not prevent a feast of goals at Reading yesterday, where the home side defeated Barford Tigers 5-2 in the premier division of the National League. Exchanges were even except that Reading's reactions were quicker inside the circle and in Mason they had the stronger goalkeeper.

After 21 minutes, Manpreet

Kochar set up Mark Hoskin to give Reading the lead, which was increased by Slay from a short corner in the 29th minute and Loose two minutes later. After the interval, Barford Tigers came back strongly with a goal by Carson, but Oscroft's goal from a short corner put Reading 41 ahead. Chaudhry brought Barford back into the game again with a goal from a short corner, but

Edwards secured the points.
Old Loughtonians proved
much too strong for Surbiton and romped home 6-1 to go joint top with Reading. Nick Thompson scored three goals for Old Loughtonians. Teddington won 5-4 at Guildford, with Billson scor-

ing the decisive goal ten minutes from time. Temporary suspensions reduced Guildford to eight men in the 60th minute, Garrard, Jennings and Morris having been sent off in quick succession. Teddington themselves lost Way and Nicklin. Jennings scored twice for Guildford.

The gloom deepened for Havant, still anchored at the bottom of the table, after a 3-0 defeat by East Grinstead, for whom Gibson, Boyse and Head scored from open play. Southgate kept themselves afloat with a 2-1 win over

Canterbury, Danny Kerry and Waugh scoring for South-

gate and Wicken replying for Canterbury. Cannock, the title-holders, capitalised on short corners for a 3-1 victory over Houns-Parnham scoring twice and Crutchley adding the third. Hankins replied for Hounslow. Beeston still lead the first division after a 4-0 win over Oxford Hawks.

#### **Big-hitting** Wasim sends Test records tumbling

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SHEIKHUPURA (fourth day of five): Zimbahwe, with ninc second-innings wickets in hand, are 140 runs behind Pakistan

WASIM AKRAM, the Pakistan captain, hit a career-best unbeaten 257 and set two world records in the first Test match against Zimbahwe at Sheikhupura yesterday. His brilliant innings, which included 12 sixes, came during a Test record eighth-wicket stand of 313 with Saglain Mushtag.

Pakisian, who were perilously placed at one stage un-Friday at 183 for six, were all out for 553 for a first-innings lead of 178. By the close of play on a fourth day shortened by rain and bad light, Zimbabwe were 38 for one.

Wasim's stand with Saglain eclipsed the 65-year-old Test match record of 246 set by the England pair of Les Ames and Gubby Allen against New Zealand at Lord's in 1931.

Wasim's 489-minute, 370ball marathon also established a record for most sixes 12 — in a Test match. The previous record was held by Wally Hammond, the England batsman, who hit ten in his 336 against New Zealand at Auckland in the 1932-33

The Wasim-Saglain partnership was eventually broken by Guy Whittal, the seam bowler, with the score at 550 when he bowled Saglain for a Test match best of 79.

The Pakistan captain, who was unbeaten overnight on 144 out of total of 395 for seven. cut loose mercilessly after reaching his double-century with his eighth six, a towering shot over mid-wicket off the leg spinner, Paul Strang.

He made the most of a let-off soon after play began 50 minutes late yesterday because of light rain, when he was dropped at mid-off by David Houghton.

Wasim W25 severe on Strang whom he smashed for three sixes in one over, one of which went out of eround over long sixes took him from 195 to 213 and established him as Pakistan's highest scorer batting at No 8. surpassing Initiaz Ahmad's 209 against New Zealand at Lahore in the 1954-

Whittal's dismissal Saqlain was followed immedlately by the wicket of Wagar Younis. His brother, Andrew, ended the Pakistan innings by dismissing Shahid Nazir. Strang finished with five for 212 from 69 overs.

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BOWLING Wagar Young 4-0-15-0, Shafed Nazir 5-2-6-0, Saqisin Mushtaq 7-3-13-1, Wasim Akram 2-0-4-0 PAKISTAN: First Innings

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# Little learns lesson in how to win matches

Leeds United ......0

By PAT GIBSON

IT MUST say something for the quality of the FA Carling Premiership that Savo Milosevic, the Yugoslavia striker who has scored more goals than anybody in the qualifying matches for the World Cup, is going to have to fight to win back his place in the Aston Villa side.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, made that clear after his decision to leave out his £3.5 million man, whose stunning goal put them on the way to victory the last time that they played Leeds United, in the Coca-Cola Cup final in March, had been handsomely vindicated by Villa's first win

The message was plain.

Full results and league tables ...... Page 30

Nobody, not Milosevic, not Gareth Southgate, who was missing through injury, not Mark Draper, who was suspended, not Steve Staunton, who went off with a damaged hamstring, can take anything for granted now that Little has come to the realisation that his best side is the one that wins matches for him.

"It was something that hit me flat in the face after we had lost at Tottenham last week," Little said. "Perhaps I had been getting blinded by the fact that the team was playing well. Perhaps it was my own fault that we had lost that competitive edge in the dress-

I always question myself more than anybody else and after that game, I asked: 'Are you picking the right team? It was a good time to shake things up, to change the policy of it if you like. As a manager, to adapt and I learnt an important lesson."

So did the players, to judge from the way that they over-came their understandable lack of confidence early in the game to outclass Leeds with a performance that suggested that they could yet emerge among the more realistic challengers for Manchester United's championship.
At the centre of it all was

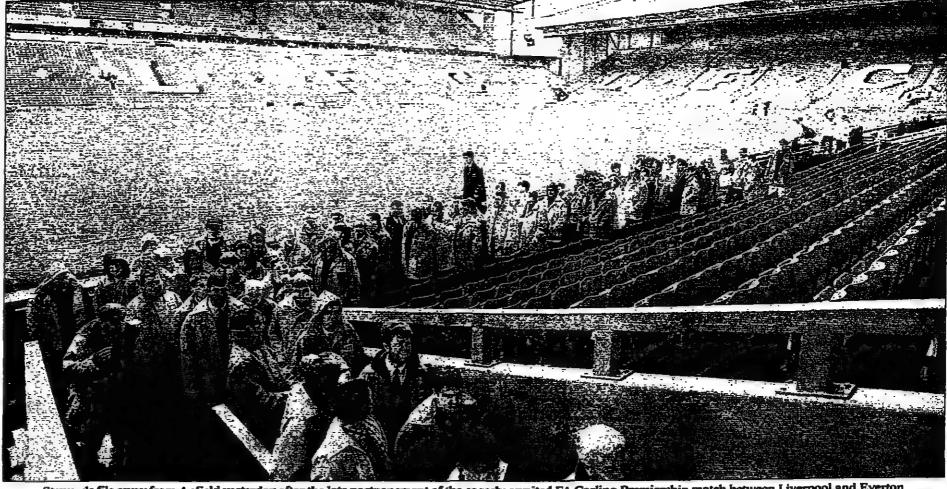
Curcic, the spindly Serb, who does not so much dribble past would-be tacklers as glide over them, which is precisely what he did when he resisted Ford's crude challenge to set up the first goal, on the hour. His pass from the left was instantly dispatched by Johnson. Milosevic's replacement, into the path of Yorke, whose angled shot was too powerful for Martyn to stop.

Six minutes later, it was Curcic again who found Yorke wide on the right, where he had the time and the space to measure his cross for Johnson to beat Martyn with a sweet, It was too much for Leeds,

who had nothing to offer in reply, apart from a tame effort Hateley, who thus finished his two-month spell on loan from Queens Park Rangers without a goal to his name. So where did it go wrong for

Leeds? "It was quite simple really," George Graham, their manager, said after his fourth defeat in five games since he took over from Howard Wilkinson. "At the back, in midfield and up front. It was the poorest performance I've seen since I joined the club and I don't think there is any question about it: We need new

JEEDS UNITED (3-5-2), in Martyn -Wernerall (aub P Beesley, 65) R Jober Radelte — G Kerly, R Wallace, M For Palmer (sub A Couzens, 68), L Sharpa Rush, M Hateley



Stewards file away from Anfield yesterday after the late postponement of the eagerly-awaited FA Carling Premiership match between Liverpool and Everton

# Red-letter day ends in blues on Merseyside

t is probably the most frustrating experience a footballer can have. I was changed and ready to go out for a warm-up at 2.15 yesterday when Roy Evans, our manager, came into the Anfield dressing-room to tell us the match was off. It took us a while to work out he wasn't joking.

It's not so bad if you know the day before — or even in the morning — that the game has been called off. but 45 minutes before the kick-off is difficult, especially with a game as big as that against Everton.

You have to prepare for any game, but, with a match as big as a local derby, you need to really psyche yourself up, get prepared and be ready, because it is an intense experience. To then be told that the match is off is a real let-down. For me, too, it was a major

disappointment because, for just about the first time. I had all my family there. I know there was no way the game could be played, but 1 so desperately wanted to play against Everton for two reasons. First, my mum and my younger

brother. David, were here, and the hardiy ever come to a match. David is not interested in football: the only reason he came was because Mel. of The Spice Girls, was here as my guest, and he's a big fan of theirs. I asked him if he realised he would have to watch the match and he said that he would bring a book.

Second, there's the Everton thing. My dad, Dave, was an Everton supporter and so was I until I signed for Liverpool. Even my pirifriend Victoria's family are mad Everton supporters, so it would have been nice to have played well gainst them.

The game against the Blues is important to me. I still have a letter from Everton Football Club. It is stuffed in a suitease full of old Blues memorabilia from when I was a kid. It is a letter that gave me more than the odd pang of regret when I received it as a 16-year-old Everton fanatic. It is a letter from the club I supported, turning me down.

I'm from Liverpool, and in this city you are either Blue or Red. I was Blue through and through and I used to go to as many games as possible with my dad. So, when Everton were one of a few clubs interested in signing me, I was

I've read a few stories about Everton rejecting me after a trial, but that's rubbish. What happened was far simpler. I had been offered terms from Liverpool and a couple MCMANAMAN



has special reason to rue a postponed derby

of other clubs, saying they would rive me a full YTS apprenticeship for three seasons. I went to Everton and said that if they could offer me that same security. I would sign for them. They said they didn't do that and let me go.

I hope they regret it now. I certainly don't because things could not have gone any better for me at Livernool, Back then, though, I did have a slight sense of regret. I was Everton daft. My dad first took me to see them when I was a little lad. I went to all the big games: the European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal, and the FA Cup final when Gary Lineker scored but Liverpool

went on to win.

People ask me even now if I am still an Everion fan, and I would say yes. You never lose your affection for your first club; there is something about being a football supporter that stays with you. People may think that you lose your passion for the game when you become a player, but you never do.

I still look out for Everton and I like to go and watch them if I can. But don't get that confused with wanting them to win. There is only one club I am interested in winning now, and that's Liverpool. Nobody wanted to win more than me yesterday and nobody wanted to score more than me, because I hadn't scored against them in all the games I have played against them.
My dad is still an Everton fan, as

are a lot of my family and friends, but you know what they say about blood being thicker than water. He wants me to do well first and then the Blues come after that. Anyway. I'm slowly converting everyone to my way of thinking.

Mind you, there's nothing like a

decent derby match to split families. Here in Liverpool, we might be unique because just about every family is split between Reds and Blues. Before and after the game they are friendly, but for 90 minutes there is an intense rivalry.

That's what it's like in my family: my dad is Everton, and a couple of his brothers are Liverpool. What it illustrates is how passionate derby matches are. People say that footballers are overpaid, overpampered and don't have a feel for the game, but try telling that to Liverpool lads like me and Robbie Fowler, who is also a secret Blues fan.

We know derby matches are murder, we know that the supporters will get stick for weeks at work or school if their side loses. We know just how important the game is in people's lives: I just have to look at the requests for tickets I get to know that It is something that is important to the players. Sometimes supporters may not think so, but we really give it everything we have got because we know that they are spending their hard-earned money on watching us. Nobody wants to

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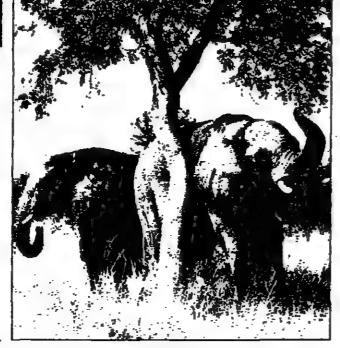
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# Time comes for boys to grow up

West Ham United ...... Leicester City .....

By Russell Krimpson

POOTBALL — as many a manager will confirm, when reading from his autocue - is a man's game. It is also, frequently, a game in which men bend and break the rules, verbally abuse their opponents, the officials and, occasionally, the supporters, indulge in every form of gamesmanship and generally act like spoilt little rich kids. Then, by way of absolution and without a trace of guilt. they blame the referee.

At Upton Park on Saturday, it was a real man's game Bilic. Dicks and Porfirio, of West Ham United, and Whitlow. Walsh, Lennon and Heskey, of Leicester City, were cautioned. Walsh was also sent off, two minutes from the end, for committing a second bookable offence.

He caught Miklosko, the West Ham goalkeeper, late, and was dismissed for the twelfth time in his 15-year career. Admittedly, it was the first time in four seasons, but, having already seen yellow, albeit harshly for hand ball. he saw red; he had to go. Cue autocue. Harry Red-

knapp, the West Ham manag er, said: "There were a lot of bookings, but it wasn't a vicious game." He did not overtly condemn the display of Mike Riley, the referee, but the inference was barely disgui-

Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, was less circumspect. Amid the blarney from O'Neill, the former Northern Ireland international. he admitted to "ranting and raving" in the privacy of the officials' dressing-room after the match and claimed that Riley's rulings and subsequent explanations did not exactly add up. "I thought I was the only Irishman around here," he said.

"I'm not going to say too much, for the good of the game. I've been fined enough times and the FA could probably go on holiday with the amount of money I've given them over the years. Our disciplinary record is

Leicester, indeed, do not figure prominently in the FA Carling Premiership's rogue's gallery this season. West Ham are hardly serial miscreants. either - yet what the pair produced on Saturday was a

little short of a shameful, spiteful spectacle. Had Riley adopted his initial approach, when he bran-dished 23 yellow and two red cards during the first four outings of his maiden Premiership season, the game could have ended up seven-aside. Yet he chatted to, calmed and desperately tried to control the combatants until his patience finally ran out in the 43rd minute, when he booked

To apportion fault with



Walsh: sent off

oh-so-convenient, so stereotyp ical and a crass abdication of ponsibility from West Ham Leicester, players and management. It was needless, too, with the sides, when concentrating on playing the ball, creating enough chances to have produced an invigorating goal glut. Moncur's 78th-minute ef-

fort, tucked home nicely from Purfirio's precise pass, sufficed. Shame about the rubbish that surrounded it: shame about the words that followed it. It is about time the spoilt little rich kids grew up, owned up and behaved.

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# Style straitjacket stifling creativity 4

Sheffield Wednesday .... 1 Blackburn Rovers ....... 1

By DAVID MADDOCK

ONE could not help noticing the irony implicit in the formation of both teams during this stifled contest. Both resorted to traditional, comfortable 4-12. and both then unveiled foreign players with flair, touch and imagination to provide an extra dimension to a predictable tactic

Sheffield Wednesday had Benito Carbone making his debut after a £2.3 million transfer that became almost a saga. On the other flank, they had the mercurial Regi Blinker, noticeable if only because he has that rare ability to do everything correctly.

The irony with Blackburn Rovers was even more stark. They started with such a regimented formation that their foreign players were confined to the bench, but, when a spark of inspiration was desperately needed at 1-0 down, Georgios Donis and Lars Bohinen were brought on - and duly obliged.

More and more, managers are looking abroad for players like Carbone of technique and touch who can rise above the confines of the English game, but surely it is the stilling nature of such predictable formations that has created this need in the first place. It has squeezed the creative life out of English players.

A whole generation has arrived without technique or flair and so the search for talent has extended beyond these shores. It begs the question, however, of whether the foreign imports will become equally anonymous and uninspiring after a few seasons in the 142 straitjacket.

Certainly, Carbone, for all his balance and control, was not allowed to be too effective. because the system in which he played did not encourage his particular brand of attacking skilts. He and Blinker were asked to track back, rather than stay forward. That was bad, but listen to the reasons that Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, offered for not starting with Donis, a player of rare creative talent. He said: There are times

that George isn't in tune with what we are trying to do." Surely, the point is that Rovers are not in tune with what Donis is trying to do, which must be seen as an indictment of English football.

At least Blinker and Carbone were allowed some licence, and they provided the best moments of the match. Blinker's passing created

chances that Booth and Hirst declined, shamefaced, and Carbone created opportunities for himself and others, also declined. Wednesday should be embarrassed that they found the net only once, in the third minute, when Hirst crossed sharply for Booth to flick the ball first time beyond Flowers, the advancing goalkeeper.

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Blackburn were dead in the water after such an early serback and displayed just why they are a sining duck at the foot of the Premiership. Somehow, though, their luck held out until the cavalry arrived in the form of Donis and Bohinen. The match was transformed

when Donis, the Greece international, injected his pace into the fray, and literally when Bohinen found the net with his first touch after Sherwood's clever shot under pressure had come back off the foot of a

post.

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BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Provers — J Ferma H Berg, I Pearce, G Crot — Singley (sub G Dora, ed). T Shewood G Fleech, C Sulton (sub' L Bohnen, 73) — k Golsecher, C Sulton Refereer P Danton

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# Ogrizovic pays for his denial of a vengeful god

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sleps of Finshury Park station ahead of me was wearing an Arsenal shirt. though that hardly made him unique. It bore on it lan Wright's number, eight: that, too, was common - but it did not carry Wright's name: in-stead, where Wright's name should have been, three letters spelt out the word: God.

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Quite. Wright certainly has a claim for quasi-divinity in certain parts of north London. but he is a god from the pre-Christian era, one of the capricious and vengeful gods of classical times, those fallible, spiteful and self-important divinities of uncertain aspect and altogether unreliable

Classical gods take things personally. Odysseus had the permanent support of Athene, but he still could not get home hecause of the implacable

refuse offering at the altar of lan Wright, he is not going to take it with a smile of mercy. pity, peace and love. He, like Poseidon, is going to take it personally,

"He thinks he has a godgiven right to score." Steve Ogrizanic, the Coventry City goalkeeper, said. Quite. But Covenity went to Arsenal, strugglers against high-fliers. and what was expected to be a routine win ended up as a 0-0 draw. Wright did almost everything right, but he did not score - and that was because of Ogrizovic, Long helore "the incident", this match had become a personal

If the level of Ogrizovie's ability were translated into the body of a striker, he would be one of the most sought-after stead, he has pursued the

Simon Barnes sees Ian Wright, the darling of Highbury,

inflict some rough justice on the Coventry City goalkeeper

goalkeeper's path of understated excellence and, at 39, seems to get better and better. as goalkeepers do. He is not high on the list of

the country's great goalkeepers, but you do not get a lot of clean sheets playing behind a Coventry defence. The fact is that Coventry owe him a great deal, not least their place in the FA Carling Premiership.

Wright is a strange and enigmatic figure. He is capa-ble of the sort of heartstopping brilliance that clubs pay fortunes for. There are times when he has the weariest observers shaking their heads in delight and disbelief, but his professional life re-mains forever blighted by his

into international competence. His response has been to become more fervently committed to his club than ever. bound by ties of mutual need and shared religion to his

Saturday was custom-made

for a Wright show-stopper.

and you could sense from the start that Wright was conscious of this. It was the first home game under Arsène Wenger, the new manager. A win would put Arsenal - for 24 hours, anyway - alone at the top of the Premiership and it was only Coventry: Coventry, who have scored but four league goals this season. Only Ogrizovic stood in

Finally, Wright wriggled into position for a free header

let it slip. He failed to get any purchase on the ball and it slid bound, but Ogrizovic got to it. Perhaps that was the last straw. Wright got through again, clean through, one-on-Wright was through and clear, but Ogrizovic made a wonderful save with his feet. And yet

one with Ogrizovic and Ogrizovic was fast and brave. Both players went down. Wright followed through, hard. From the stands, it did not look reckless; it looked Ogrizovic was stretchered off, his face bloodied and his

The moment was his: Wright

nose askew. For good measure, his left arm was useless, too. For once, the rule about substitute goalkeepers seemed a good thing: Filan completed the clean sheet. Afterwards, Ogrizovic was

cornered by the team coach, looking surprisingly spry. His

got that way. "He kneed me in the face," he said. "He got me in the nose. He knew what he was doing. It was blatant. He did me on the ground and got away with it again."

The referee took no action and the television evidence was inconclusive. There will be a fuss about it, but Ogrizovic's suggestion that someone at Arsenal should "take Wright to task" seems a vain hope. Arsenal have other priorities than reforming their local deity. Despite the draw, they led the Premiership overnight, on goal difference from Wimbledon. As if by divine

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#### Souness's foreign investment produces quick gain

Southampton

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

THERE was something differ- red ent in the Southampton air on on b Saturday. The crowds have ing been travelling to The Dell the, more in hope than expectation, but a combination of one or two good results and some interesting signings created a to mood of expectancy before the ner il team did not disappoint, although their 3-0 win was marred by a serious injury to Tony Coton, the Sunderland goalkeeper, who broke his leg in a collision with Egil Ostenstad, the Norwegian, one of three players making home debuts.

With six Graeme Souness signings in Southampton's et he starting XI, the team is beginning to look significantly dif-ferent from the one that narrowly avoided relegation strengthen the squad," Souness said. "and we want another couple of players. Nowadays, players are more independent, more powerful; we want a big squad to put pressure on them, and that comes from competition for

Souness singled out Eyal Berkovic, the Israel international, who sparkled in midfield. Nimble and quick to find and exploit openings, he also knew how to steer clear of trouble; at one point, two opponents converged on him, only to collide as he spun away with the ball, "He did some clever and intelligent things, and I think he'll be a big hit."

Yet, for all the exotic new arrivals, it was a player whom Souness had inherited who broke the deadlock in spectacular fashion — a goal typical of Matthew Le Tissier. The scorer, however, was Jason Dodd, the full back given a midfield role by Souness, who seized on a clearance in the 38th minute and let fly from 30 yards with a stunning shot that went in off the far post.

Stewart missed a chance to tipped over by Beasant before Southampton extended their lead on 53 minutes. Le Tissier, of all people, cleared an attack with an extravagant overhead



Coton: broken leg

kick; the ball found its way to Ostenstad, who was floored by Hall inside the box and Le Tissier stroked home the penalty.

In the final minute, Sources's policy of competi-tion was justified by two of its casualties, on as substitutes. Berkovic's return pass gave Watson the chance to cross for Shipperley to score the third goal, his first of the season. Perhaps they should be left out more often.

"Three-nil flantered us," Souness conceded, "although we deserved the points." Then sides from the North East have not done well on recent visits to The Dell. Nor, for that matter, have Southampton's opponents next Saturday - so,

bring on Manchester United. SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-1-1) D Beasant — U van Gobbel (sub: J Magliton, 67mm), C Lundekvan, R Dryden — R Saler, J Dodd, E Berkovic, A Nelson, S Chariton — M La Tisser (sub. N Shipperley, 59) — E Ostenstad (sub: G Watson, 70)

SUNDERLAND (44-2) A Coton (subo L Perez 26) — G Hall, A Metville, R Ord, M Scoti — D Keby teub A Rae, 78), P Bracower, K Batt, M Gray — P Stewert, G Russell (sub: M Bridges, 70)

# Tottenham feast on Riverside picnic

Middlesbrough .... Tottenham Hotspur ...... 3

By MARK HODKINSON

THE musical accompaniment could not have been more apt. "The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore" echoed around a near-empty Riverside Stadium as the last of the dejected home supporters left the ground. The theory goes that, when the sun shines on the Tees, Middlesbrough are at their best, but, come the golden hues of autumn and winter, their form begins to wither. They have now gone more than a month without a league win, conceded nine goals in their past three games, and another freefall down the FA Carling Premiership is looming.

Tottenham Hotsour were in a different class, Oxbridge dons among earnest Vithformers. Teddy Sheringham embodied the chasm between the teams. Hardly a bead of sweat crossed his forehead as



Sheringham: two goals

he strolled confidently through the midfield. Repeatedly, and with sanguine ease. he secured maximum gain for minimum effort. Not a pass was wasted, nor a run dissipated, and his two goals were just reward for a consummate performance "Sheringham knitted every-

thing together for them to-Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager. said. "Tonenham gave us a lesson. It was our worst performance of the season and a sell-out crowd like we had today deserves better. The lads let their heads go down and we lost our shape."

Robson is right to be concerned about their eager capitulation. His expensive signings. Ravanelli and Emerson especially, had their chins down by their club crests long hefore the end.

Middlesbrough played thoughtlessly, a shortcoming which even touched the match programme. Tottenham's "appearance details" included the names Bergkamp, Merson, distinctly Arsenal flavour. It must have been a marvellous fillip to Tottenham's prematch resolve.

The first goal owed much to Middlesbrough's clumsy inep-titude. Vickers needlessly barged into Sheringham, who took the free kick himself and, from a good distance, lifted it beyond Miller. The goalkeep-er had imprudently left his line just as Sheringham steadied himself to take aim.

Within two minutes, Tottenham had scored their second. Howelis crossed from the right and Fox, running between two defenders, had time to pick his spot with a header. At this point, the North Sea Producer, a gigantic, creaking ship, moored behind the Riverside Stadium, appeared to have more in common with the Middlesbrough defence than first imagined.

ian Walker saved well at the base of his goalpost as Mid-dlesbrough rallied after the interval. They forced a series of corners, but either Walker or Campbell were on hand to steer the ball clear.

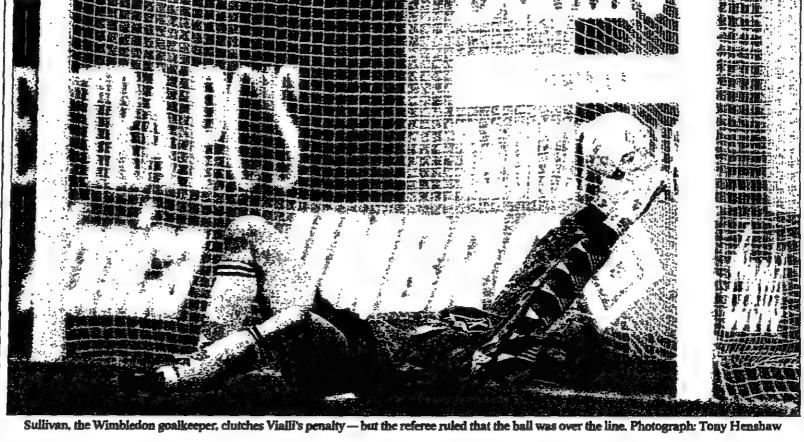
Ravanelli fell to the ground in slow motion after a gentle oush from Edinburgh. After much mewling, and just as the wheeled stretcher came into sight, Ravanelli sprung to his feet and nonchalantly jogged away. The stretcher, so often seen but seldom required, has natently taken on the magical nealing qualities previously held by the sponge.

Middlesbrough frequently reached the Tottenham penaly area, but tried to pass the ball into the goal or failed to support Ravanelli, who often received the ball but was instantly ambushed.

The final goal, played out before a ground two-thirds full, such was the disillusionment of the Middlesbrough supporters, was a sublime celebration of football on the counter-attack. Carr shrugged off fired challenges from Emerson and Fleming, reached the byline and sent over an outstanding cross to Sheringham. He merely had to put his forehead to the ball and it sailed into the net.

"The scoreline reflects the game for me," Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, said. "That was our most complete performance of the season. People will rightly talk about Sheringham and Campbell. but everyone was outstanding and gave 150 per cent. I'm very proud of them. We played some great football on the

MIDDLESBROUGH (5-3-2) A Miller —
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again, a certain goal saved:

that was Wright's first-half

hat-trick, the dream scenario,

and all thwarted by the big

Goalkeepers need luck and good defenders and Ogrizovic,

for once, had both. Dublin, the

Coventry centre forward, dropped back to play in de-

fence after an injury to Wil-liams and cleared off the line

from Wright after Ogrizovic had dropped a cross. Wright.

turning provider, put Berg-kamp through, but Dublin

man in the yellow jumper.

# Gullit happy to defend the indefensible

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

THE Devil is in the details. Accept Rund Gullit's word for it. Gullit, the Chelsea playermanager, who took the field for the first time this season in the second half and looked his old, majestic self, said of his side's defeat "Nowadays. football depends on details and Wimbledon were excellent on the little details.

By the same token, Chelsea were shocking, "If you're not alert to the small details, you're going to lose," Gullit said, and you might call this a charitable euphemism. It was all very well for Gullit to repeat the old adage that a whole team must be responsible for its defence, but, with defenders like Chelsea's, who

needs opponents? Let us look at the four goals that they gave away. Barely five minutes had passed when Wimbledon, looking for their seventh successive win in the FA Carling Premiership. gained a throw-in on the right

and Vinnie Jones produced one of his monumental specials. "Some of the goalkeepers can't deal with it." Jones said, "and I see the big man Leboeuf in the zone and they try to keep him free, so I try to throw it over his head, and I did." The ball bounced to the far post, where Robbie Earle headed it in.

Wimbledon's second goal. after Minto had cracked in a fine equaliser from Petrescu's tapped free kick, was more bizarre. When Neil Ardley got the ball and began to run with it. Jones shouted at him: "Shoot, shoot!" More in hope, perhaps, than expectation. Ardley did shoot, from more than 30 yards. Hitchcock dived into space. Gullit said

that he hoped there had been Wimbledon's third, twenty minutes into the second half, again justified Gullit's remark that "they got the goals out of nothing". The muscular Gayle received the ball near the edge of the box, easily negotiated Clarke and struck his left-footed shot past

The fourth goal, 13 minutes

on his left, he hacked at thin air, and a grateful Ekoku ran on to best poor Hitchcock yet in. To give the goalkeeper his due, he made agile saves from Gayle in the first half and Ekoku in the second. Gullit said that he did not

intend to change his threeman defence, but he should

Kevin McCarra ....

think seriously about it. In

"When Gullit came on,"

Results and tables.

recent games, it has been giving goals away with wild abandon. Gullit's own arrival, ten minutes into the second half, as Jones admitted, put Wimbledon under pressure, but did nothing to strengthen that dreadful defence.

Jones said, "it was like the Zulu charge. There was players everywhere. I thought Charlie Cooke was going to come on, and Ray Wilkins." Not that Jones ever looked

by Gayle and Ekoku, his strikers, whom Chelsea, as Gullit said, "couldn't handle". "With Gayle and Ekoku," Kinnear said, "we frighten the

life out of most of the defenders in this league. Gayle? Two hundred grand up front and he looked like a giant. He's getting better." Kinnear was enraptured too, by the display of Perry, his young centre back, who

the ground.

was never awed by the challenge of Hughes and Vialli. He pictures everything about "That lad has been with us from 13 years of age. Someone asked me what

of first place in the table.

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hunky-dory at the moment," he said. "I just don't know

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He was justifiably enthused

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Sam Hammam Ithe Wimbledon owner was doing on the track. Saying: 'For God's sake, Joe, tell them not to score any

Jones thought that Chelsea

were wrong not to start with Dennis Wise, his former team-mate, though Gullit fel that Jones was, so to speak, being wise after the event. "To be honest," Jones said, "we were pleased that Wisey wasn't playing. It was a bit of

a bonus for us. He's a terrific player. When he came on, he was dictating it." Vialli scored Chelsea's second goel when, after 85 minutes. Cunningham brought him down in the box, but his penalty was untypically feeble. Sullivan knocked it up, but caught it just behind his

line. You could hardly call that a consolation goal. If Gullit seeks consolation. he might reflect that Chelsea. down the years, have raised inconsistency to a fine art.

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# Clark glimpses traitor in Forest of trouble

Nottingham Forest ...... Derby County ...

By RICHARD HOBSON

FRESHLY acquainted with the FA Carling Premiership's relegation zone, this is a time when Nottingham Forest need togetherness throughout the club. Instead, Frank Clark, the manager, believes that a traitor lurks within.

He refers to the person who leaked a story to a newspaper concerning details of a bid for the club, "I do not know who it is and it is impossible for me to find out," Clark said, "but the

fact that somebody chose to do something that is against the interest of the club is the only thing that worries me about the whole takeover affair."

In a statement issued immediately after this drawn game between two moderate sides, which left Forest third from bottom, Fred Reacher, the chairman, denied reports that the directors will make an announcement concerning the club's future tomorrow. The board will continue to meet bidders until the annual meeting, on October 31, but is understood to be divided on the £30 million offer made by Grant Bovey, the highest-profile suitor. The City Ground is rife with rumour

refuses to use that as an excuse for a dreadful home record of three points garnered from five matches. They line players have nothing to worry about; very, very rarely do you hear of a player being sacked." he said. The implication is clear. If any one job is in peril, then it is Clark's.

Bovey was absent on Saturday, but he did not miss much. Forest should have grown in confidence once Dean Saunders put them ahead after 72 seconds; instead, there was an edginess about their play throughout. Derby equalised retained his composure to round off a flowing move in the 58th minute. Ron Willems saw a header cleared off the line and Ashley Ward failed to hir the target after a one-two with Aljosa Asanovic.

Although Jim Smith's Derby missed the pace of the injured Dean Sturridge, Clark was without Steve Stone, Kevin Campbell and, for the second half, Stuart Pearce. It was obvious which manager faces the bigger challenge. Mottinger incost tile obget i tratterige.

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DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2) R. Hoult — G. Rowett, P. McGratch, I. Starrase, P. Saunder, Lub. L. Carsley, 82), C. Opilly, D. Pravel, A. Asanovic, C. Powell — A. Ward (sub. M. Carbon, 78). R. Wilders (sub. P. Serneson, 88).

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THE NOT SO CRAZY GANG SATURDAY October 19 was a watershed in the fortunes of Wimbledon Football Club (Julian Desborough writes). It marked their seventh successive FA Carling Premiership win, equalling the club record of consecutive league wins set in 1983, and second place in the table, their highest league position to date (excluding the opening week of a season). Their previous highest placings, in each of their lour seasons in the Premiership, are south (Aug 31, 1995), exeith (Mar 22, 1995), fourth (Sept 27, 1993). 1995), eighth (Mar 22, 1995), fourth (Sept 27, 1993) and tenth (April 21, 1993) Their best finish to a league season is sixth, achieved twice (1993-4 and 1986-7). The belief by some pundits that the south London club are perennal relegation candidates is completely

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FOOTBALL: OLD FIRM RIVALS THROW AWAY VICTORIES AS SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP BECOMES CONTEST OF FALLIBILITY

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# Celtic betray signs of championship nerves

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

IT MAY only be October, but the Old Firm prematurely bear the agonised expressions of men who are in the closing stages of a championship. Yesterday, Celtic, in the closing moments, fumbled and let slip a victory that had been in their clumsy grasp. Rangers, 24 hours before, had permitted Aberdeen a draw at Ibrox and infuriated their supporters in the same manner.

Tantalising and infuriating though these events may have heen to them, the Glasgow clubs were left with the results that they deserved. Had Heart of Midlothian, who had been dominant in the first half of this match, lost, they would have been left trying to reconcile the variety of chances that they created with a lack of

A minute into added time, however, they were to be spared the brooding. Stubbs was nervous and weak with a header that should have gone out of play and Hearts forced play down the right. From there, Bruno, a substitute, crossed for McPherson to head past Kerr, so notching the first league goal of his

second spell at Tynecastle. The sight of Celtic and Rangers faltering is a delightful spectacle for the beleaguered remainder of Scottish football and the conviction grows that, in the Old Firm sides, style is at present attempting to masquerade as substance. Each team held a 2-0 lead, but could not sum-

mon up the rigour to protect it. Rangers, for whom a penitent Paul Gascoigne opened



Van Hooijdonk, Celtic's imposing striker, takes on the Heart of Midlothian defence during the premier division draw at Tynecastle yesterday

the scoring with a spectacular free kick, failed to prevent Dodds from hauling Aberdeen to a 2-2 draw, with a goal in the 88th minute. Victory in Edinburgh would have seen Celtic elbow themselves in front, on goal difference, at the

League premier division. Instead, they remain two points behind Rangers and their performance against Hearts was evidence of flawed temperament. The notion that Celtic had been ahead at the interval struck Jim Jefferies,

"travesty" and, for once in football, the term fitted the

His side had been adept at launching midfield players through Celtic's threadhare cover and Salvatori, galloping

pass that ought to have put Robertson clear. After Celtic had opened the scoring, Weir jabbed at Cameron's through hall and sent a shot skimming

On a soggy day, Celtic, especially in the first half, failed to produce the crisp co-

ordination on which their style is based. It was the inclinations of individuals that produced an illusion of control in the score. Di Canio, after 38 minutes, prised open the Hearts defence by twisting round Pointon and rolling over a cross that was dummied by Donnelly and fin-ished with authority by Van Hooijdonk. Six minutes into the second

half, the same player recorded his fiftieth goal for Celtic since signing in January 1995. The shot, after Boyd's cross and Wieghorst's downward header, was miscued by Van Hooijdonk, but it bounced off the turf and landed high in the net. The theory that this match would indulge Celtic, however, was soon in jeopardy.

Almost immediately, Cameron drilled a goal for Hearts, off the inside of the post, after being found by Paille, the French forward who will now sign a short-term contract with the club. Finding their authority challenged, Celtic, despite a gradual improvement in their passing, were never able wholly to reassert

The justice of the result did not spare Burns's frustration. "At this club," he said, "we'll be through the emotional wringer before we win anything." As a glance at [brox will tell him, however, the Celtic manager is not a lone

After losing at Hibernian last weekend and squandering the opportunity to defeat Aberdeen, Rangers find that their uncertainty in Europe has begun to make its presence felt in the domestic setting. A league race whose attractiveness was supposed to stem from the clash of two powers has, instead, become one of common fallibility.

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#### Fairclough food for thought as Stevenage slip again

Famborough Town ...3 Stevenage Borough ..1 By WALTER GAMMIE

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FARNBOROUGH Town are just the sort of resilient, increasingly confident op-ponents that can make life awkward for champions that are hobbled by injuries and dragged down by the distractions of the qualifying rounds of the FA Cup, imposed upon 14 of the Vauxhall Conference clubs. Profiting from the space

that opened up after Stuart Beevor, the Stevenage midfield player, had been sent off in the fortieth minute, Farnborough duly hit the title-holders with two goals in two minutes after the interval, by Wingfield and Boothe.

Farmborough immediately conceded a penalty converted by Webster, before wrapping up the match through Baker.
Alan Taylor, the

Farnborough manager, whose side is now unbeaten in 11 matches, was delighted. "We got our season going with away wins at Woking, Rushden and Hednesford," be said. "What pleased me most was that our home supporters were able to see our form.

Paul Fairclough, the Stevenage manager, meanwhile had to cope with the unfamiliar problems caused by consecutive defeats that have taken the number sustained this season to four compared with five all last season. Not a man given to rattling the teacups, he has

much thinking to do. Beevor's dismissal, not by his second yellow card for a wild challenge on Harlow, but his first for shirttugging when Baker had just escaped caution for kicking a ball away, by an offside that was not seen before Boothe scored, and, ual errors and mistakes for which we are getting

punished". The puzzle is deepened by the way that the defeats at Woking and Farnborough have seen Stevenage play "better than we have for some time". The absence of Barry Hayles, their key striker "he's been kicked to pieces", Fairclough said with his fourth injury of the season meant that

good work is not being finished. "Perhaps it is true when they talk about climbing Everest and having to go out and climb the mountain again," Fairclough said. "It's certainly true that teams want to beat the champions and make it

much harder for us. "It might be the team is now in need of surgery and there might be a bit of cosmetic work in the next couple of weeks. Perhaps after that we might need to do major surgery. Still, I believe you need to get two points a match to take the title, and after 14 matches we've got 28 points. The

FARNBOROUGH TOWN (4-3-3) & Mackercla — J Underwood, W Sternp, D Coney (sub: K Day, 50mm), S Mhritam — D Robson (sub: P Geven, 77), P Hartord, D Harlow — S Balker, C Boothe, P Wingfield

# QPR earn profit to tax Aldridge

Tranmere Rovers ....... 2 Queens Park Rangers .. 3

By PETER BALL

THERE are few things less inspiring than a wet Sunday on the Wirral, but, after a turgid hour, a late flurry of goals raised the entertainment level in this Nationwide League first division game at Prenton Park yesterday as the rain poured down and the teams skidded and slipped across the soaking pitch. Yet although that improved the spectacle, Liverpool seemed to have had the right idea in calling the whole thing off on

the other side of the Mersey. Tranmere Rovers, in particular, seemed out of sorts. Unlike two weeks ago, when they fashioned a thrilling game with Portsmouth, not even the presence of television cameras yesterday persuaded them to raise their game. Perhaps they prefer Friday

evenings. They have now won only once, in that Friday game, in their past ten matches, and it leaves John Aldridge facing the first real challenge of his managerial career. Aldridge had a tetchy afternoon on and off the field, losing his battle with Alan McDonald on points in spite of earning a penalty, and refusing to talk to the national press afterwards. "Our passing wasn't good enough," he told local radio.

It's a worrying situation." Queens Park Rangers, by contrast, could take satisfaction from the result and the performance. After a long wait, they have now given Stewart Houston, the manager, two victories in a week. Yesterday, they looked much the more compact, purposeful side, moving the ball forward neatly, with Sinclair and the

promising young Slade giving them a cutting edge that Transnere lacked.

If this was to be Sinciair's last game for QPR, he contributed significantly towards securing the points, playing a part in all three goals. "I don't want him to go." Houston said, "but he's put his request in writing."

OPR began as if they were going to win with something to spare, and soon Sinclair was showing his abilities, skipping past Brannan almost at will. On the first occasion he reached the byline, but then spoilt it with a poor cross. He made no such mistake

the second time, picking out Slade, who looks a bargain at £250,000 from Tottenham Hotspur. Slade made space behind the defenders and headed the ball beyond Coyne as he ventured out on a hopeless mission.

Tranmere forced their way back into an increasingly niggly game by sheer physical ffort and, five minutes before the interval, drew level after Aldridge went down under McDonald's challenge. Aldridge scored after an exaggerated swagger had bemused Sommer.

When McDonald met Sinclair's corner with a firm header to put QPR back in front and Charles turned in Sinclair's deflected shot, the scoreline reflected Rangers' superiority, but Brannan took his chance from another corner to produce a hectic final few minutes.

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Loftus Road float, page 48

# Coppell makes his mark with vital home win

Manchester City Norwich City .....

BY PETER BALL

STEVE COPPELL'S first home game as manager of Manchester City produced his first victory on Saturday; it the task which lies ahead. In the past year, Norwich City have had enough upheavals to make Maine Road look tranguil by comparison, but, as the league table suggests, the Norwich look a lot closer to a return to the FA Carling

"I'd sooner be in Norwich's shoes than City's - at the moment anyway," Mike Walker, the Norwich manager, said after his side's surprising defeat, "but that may change after another 15

Coppell knows only too well that it will take more than 15 games to solve City's probthere is going to be a quick fix, that I will go out and buy three players and it'll change over-night, is dreaming," Coppell said. "A reconstruction is needed."

At least Coppell and Phil Neal, his assistant, have be-

gun to instil some organisation and work into the shambles that they inherited. There was one telling example, late in the second half, when Sutch tried to take a throw-in near his own corner flag and four blue shirts raced to mark his targets. "Good grief, when did you last see City pressuring a team?" someone asked. Equally, there was some quick face of Norwich's line-up: Summerbee and Brightwell moving back to counter the wingers and McGoldrick moving in front of the back four, where he had an excel-

lent game picking off the

Norwich runners from midfield. Manchester City. helping of luck. Clough's shot took a deflection for the first goal and Polston's weak header let in Dickov for the second. Despite the defeat. Norwich

controlled the game, passing the ball easily but without creating the chances that their possession demanded. run by Keith O'Neill had yielded a penalty at 0-0, it could have been different. Yet with a five-point gap

between Norwich and the next club, third-placed Barnsley, Walker could afford to be philosphical. "It was probably going to be Steve Coppell's day: it was his first home game and they were up for it." "I've heard people say

That's knocked your promotion hopes', but we're not even talking about promotion. After what's happened at this club, if we finish in the top half, we will have done well." MANCHESTER CITY (3-4-1-2): A Dibble -D Wassell, E McGoldnok, K Symons. -- N
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# Wadsworth's leadership

Lincoln City Scarborough ..

Premiership.

BY REITH PIKE

FOR some clubs, achieving Football League status is the realisation of a dream; for others, the nightmare is just beginning. Scarborough thought that they had reached the promised land in 1987, only to stumble into a minefield, instead. Now, having survived, they may be about to prosper.

It was at the expense of Lincoln City that Scarborough became the first beneficiaries of automatic promotion to the League, so there was an admirable sense of history on Saturday, when a 1-1 draw against Lincoln at Sincil Bank elevated them to the giddy heights of fifth place in the third division of the Nationwide League.

Scarborough had put together a five-match unbeaten run thanks to a passing game that is winning friends and matches. To extend that sequence to six, they had to show their appetite for a battle against the Lincoln longball machine. That they succeeded without compromising their style was hugely encouraging for Mick Wadsworth, the Scarborough manOptimism has been a long time coming for Scarborough. From day one, when Wolverhampton Wander-ers' followers tried to dismantle their ground, they have led an inglorious, apoverished existence. Nine seasons have come and gone, eight managers have tried and failed, so, if Wadsworth has been invested with messianic qualities after just four months in charge, it is little surprise.

Their improvement under him should not be unexpected. His professional playing career may have com-prised half a season with Scunthorpe United, but Bobby Robson reckoned him a good enough coach for the England Under-21 team. He has spent just £15,000, but only four of the side that he inherited started against

It was Stuart Hicks, one of the survivors, who headed Scarborough's 76th-minute equaliser when Lincoln's tedious offside trap was sprung. John Taylor having given Lincoln a first-half lead after Martin's incisive burst. LINCOLN CITY (4-4-2)\* B Richardson — J Bernet, G Brown, K, Austin, J Whitney — G Altsworth, M Hone, T Flerring, C Alcide — J Taylor, J Martin (sub: A Dennis, 83mm)

### Scarborough set fair under | Flynn plots return to better days at Racecourse Ground

Bournemouth ,...

BY IVO TENNANT

IF A manager's preference is for creating a team in his own image, then Brian Flynn is the stereotype. A small, neat and industrious Welsh midfield player, he has brought together individuals who are pliable enough to accord to his mould. With some justification: this victory took Wrexham into fifth place in the Nationwide League second division, a position that does not flatter them.

There are hostile posters outside the Racecourse Ground denouncing Tony Blair for being a Tory, but inside this is the friendliest of clubs. Flynn, who doubtless would like to manage Wales eventually, was given the award for second division manager of the month before the kick-off. He has, as his assistant, Joey Jones, the former Liverpool full back, while John Neal, one of his predecessors, lives just across the way, should he need further advice. At the end of the 1970s, Neal presided

over Wrexham in the old second division, now known as the first, of course. With the modern generation putting together a sequence of pleasing results, having not been beaten for seven matches, there seems no reason why they should not return to such a evel this season.

What Wrexham could do with is a redeveloped stadium. As the nomenclature suggests, it belongs to the past. Derbyshire play their cricket beside an old racecourse and look how long updating their facilities has taken them. Wrexham may not be able to fill all their stands, but they would surely have a better chance if they were not playing on a three-sided ground.

Wrexham's two goals came through defensive errors. First, Skinner, a utility player, slipped past three de-fenders and drove his shot into the far corner. One of them should have stopped him. In the last minute, Connolly, recovered from injury and looking to be playing in a division beneath his capabilities, scored the kind of goal that Allan Clarke would have admired. Harassing Cox, the Bournemouth central defender, into a poor back-pass, he reacted far more quickly than the goalkeeper.

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#### Shrewsbury capitalise on distracted Eton Eton, whose pre-season tour

By JOHN GOODBODY

ONE hundred and fifty years after the old boys of Eton and Shrewsbury formed a football club at Cambridge University. the schools met last Friday in only their second competitive match.

It is part of the success of the Boodle and Dunthorne Cup, now in its fifth year, that such fixtures can take place. Two years ago, in this independent schools competition. Eton won 2-1 away.

This time, Shrewsbury, unbeaten this term, were too adventurous in attack and resilient in defence. After converting a penalty in the third minute, they were never chal-

lenged and won 2-0. Of the southern schools, only Lancing, 3-0 winners over Charterhouse, are assured of a place in the quarter-

Grammar School and King's School, Chester, who beat Haileybury, playing in the competition for the first time, 4-0 on Saturday, are already through. The remaining four ties take place after half-term with the unbeaten Manchester GS side looking formidable.

Eton have yet to make the impact on this competition that their pedigree demands. Few schools have made a greater contribution to the history of the sport, with Old Etonians (and Old Salopians) being party to the drawing up. in the 1850s, of the first Laws of the Game

Old Etonians have won the FA Cup twice (in 1879 and 1882). defeating Blackburn Rovers on the second occasion. However, a regular programme of fixtures at the school began only in 1930 when David Graham-Campsaid.



ation, captain of the game, stated in the College Chronicle that he was determined to promote the game. Included in that 1930 team was Guy Burgess, later to be a leading figure in Great Britain's most

movements.

Eton were overrun in midnotorious spy scandal. field, although Mark Dickson, Angus Graham-Campbell, the master in charge, was son of David and a delighted with the Shrewshousemaster at Eton, believes bury defence, where Jamie that interest in football has Leach and Alex Shah, the son

college — and not only in playing. "About 20 of the 50 boys in my house watch Premiership matches." he

Eton are distracted from football and rugby union. which the college also plays this term, by the Field Game. which is unique to the school. It is extremely tiring, with dribbling but no passing

Mark Williams scoring his first goal for the school. Most of the players cluster in the second half, Shrewsround the ball and there is no need to look for space as there bury lost concentration but is in football. This was also a held out against an Eton team criticism of Eton's perforin which Jamie Redmayne's mance against Shrewsbury, free kicks and Jamie Wootton's runs were the most where there was a lack of poise and fluency. penetrative ploys.

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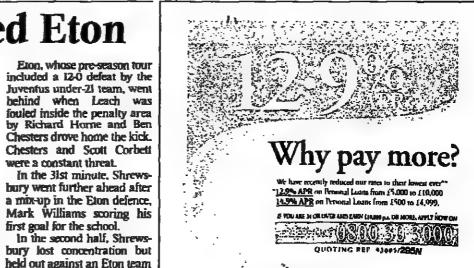
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by Richard Home and Ben

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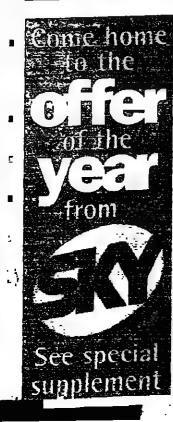
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SAILING: CONDITIONS HELP CHALLENGE COMPETITORS TO PROGRESS WHILE A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A REST AT WEYMOUTH

# Life's a breeze for speeding crews way down south

"THIS must be the beginning of the southeast trades." This Lucy Duncan enjoys crossing the Equator has been a regular announceand finding fresh winds en route to Rio ment from Chris Tibbs, our skipper, for the past week along with the cry of "more speed, more speed" as Concert heads off into the southern hemisphere. Now, finally, at the end of the week, we really have reached the southeast tradewinds and the sailing is superb - wonderful, fresh breezes, blue skies and seas and the feeling of eating up the miles at a great rate. The flying fish seem to get bigger and fatter the further south we get, as well.

Somehow, we seem to have missed the Doldrums with only 24 hours of light winds to mark their passing, it was certainly not how I imagined it would be - none of the glassy seas and empty flapping sails that had been described. Missing out does not worry us too much, especially as I do not think all of the boats behind us have fared so well and the BT Global Challenge fleet is now very much more spread out. We have been in third place for some time now and our position in the fleet continues to play a very important part

this cluster Pi-

As well as the twice-daily radio "chat shows", which keep us in touch with the rest

of the fleet, we also receive sixhourly position updates from race headquarters. The incoming message is heralded by a flashing orange light on the satellite communication receiver. As this is in the galley, there are usually two or three people sitting waiting for it after meals. When other boats are getting closer, the report seems even more important than valuable sleeping hours.

Chris, being the only one who

had sailed across the Equator

before, was Neptune, master

of ceremonies, and holder of

the black book from which

each crew member's "crimes"

were read out. Crimes varied

from my being a "hack"

through Matt Fletcher (one of

our bowmen) having abused

one of Neptune's flying fish in

the night the was actually hit

on the head by itl) to, worst crime of all, John Keating (ex-

company director and gener-

ally good organiser) having

ordered the stores for the boat

and not ordered sufficient

sugar. We have already run

out of sugar and the skipper

takes two sugars in his coffee.

these crimes was similar. Suf-

fice it to say that I cannot now

look at the helpings of freeze-

dried Chicken Italienne in quite the same light as I did

before. It is not the ideal hair

Apart from the interlude of

"crossing the line", we have all

pretty much settled into our

routines of on-watch and off-

watch. Altough we now have

fresher breezes on deck, it is

still extremely hot down below

and can be quite difficult to

sleep. So much so that three

members of the crew de-

camped from their stuffy cab-

ins to sleep on top of the sails

in the sail-locker - the only

place in the boat where any air

hard to imagine ever being

cold. The sight of half the crew

in swimwear and the other

half trying on dry suits for size

in readiness for the Southern

Ocean brought the contrast

vividiy home. I think almost

everyone, if they are honest,

has some anxiety about the

Southern Ocean, but at the

moment it is staying in the

this first leg, hope for a local

becalming to affect Group 4

and Toshiba Wave Warrior

and then finish as well as

We plan to continue to enjoy

back of our minds.

When it is this hot, it is very

was circulating at all.

shampoo.

The punishment for all

Global Challenge

Having crossed the "line" (the Equator) on Thursday, the time now seems to be passing faster than ever. We are now considerably less than 2,000 miles from Rio de Janiero. As one of the other crew members out it that is less than two Fastnet races.

The "crossing-the-line" ceremony was much talked about beforehand and awaited with

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MILES TO RIO DE JANEIRO: 1, Group 4 (895); 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior (929); 3, Concert (943); 4, Save The Children (1,008); 5, Commercial Union (1,039); 6, 3Com (1,064); 7, Motorola (1,077); 8, Heath insured II (1,112); 9, Ocean Rover (1,117); 10, Nuclear Electric (1,173); 11, Global Teamwork (1,253); 12, Pause To Remember

Williams squeezes out Lawrence Mead, from Ashford, Kent, during the national match racing championships

# Childerley returns refreshed

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

STUART CHILDERLEY, who last year retired from grand prix sailing, showed that a rest from the rigours of top international competition has done him no harm at all with a resounding win in the finals of the BT/RYA national match-racing championships at Weymouth yes-

terday.
Childerley, sailing with
Hugh Styles, Tim Powell, his
former Soling crew, and Adam May, never looked threatened in a championship in which the top eight seeds were beaten by the end of the quarter-finals.

Many of the seeds, including Ben Vines, the former champion, and Andy Beadsworth, the title-holder, looked ring-rusty coming into the competition for the first time in the fourth round on Thursday. As he was unable to sall in his local qualifier earlier in the year because of business commitfamily ments, Childeriey was admitted as a wild card and benefited from sailing from

series, held on Portland harbour.

In the fourth round, he disposed of the Jono Pank, from Norwich, the No 8 ssed, 3-0, and then progressed to the last eight, where he came against Beadsworth, his old rival. In the end, it was Childeriey, who prevailed 3-1 to avenge his defeat by Beadsworth in the Soling Olympic qualifier last year.

Beadsworth was happy to admit that he was unable to match the superior crew work on Childerley's boat in the strong southwesterly breeze, made the Beneteau First Class 8 a handful. "We were a bit shabby," he said. "Our crew work was not sharp. Stuart sailed well and we were a bit unlucky with

some umpire calls." After whitewashing Andy Green 3-0 in the semi-finals, Childerley faced Steve Tylecote, from Maidenhead, in the final yesterday. Tylecote, who finished third in the Torquay qualifier, had earlier beaten ian Williams, the former youth match-racing champion, from Exmouth, 3-0, in the

As the breeze built to more than 25 knots, Childerley produced a more fluent performance and better boat speed to win the first race easily, despite having lost the start. In the second race, he managed to inflict a penalty on

Tylecote in the pre-start and

then got into the groove much

quicker to take an early three-

ength lead. With Tylecote struggling to control his Beneteau, Childerley's big-boat experience helped him as he again managed to keep his boat flatter

and faster up the beat to be

ward mark for the first time, his spinnaker halyard broke, but Tylecote was unable to capitalise as he lost control of his own spinnaker in a broach. In the end, Childerley won by almost one leg.

With the gale continuing to build, the best-of-five final was ahandoned to give Childerley, from Southamp-ton, a 2-0 victory. "We've certainly had a good few days," he said afterwards. "It may be the break from sailing. We were all fresh to it and

any problems we came Childerley, who has represented Great Britain twice at the Olympic Games in the Finn class, has no plans to return to full-time sailing despite winning the three

just worked hard to make

sure we were able to get round

events that he has entered this The sall-off for third and fourth places was reduced to one race and was won by Green after a close-fought tacking duel against Wil-

**SQUASH** 

#### Jackman in groove but England lose final

FROM COLIN McQUILLAN IN PETALING JAYA MALAYSIA

CASSANDRA JACKMAN, from Norfolk, who came close to stealing the World Open crown here last weekend, almost triggered England's battered squad into a surprise victory over Australia in the women's world team championship on Saturday.

It has been an encouraging formight for Jackman, 23, whose game has developed new levels of movement and fresh racket skills since she and Alex Cowie, her long-time personal coach, brought in David Pearson, the England national coach, to break what was becoming a log-jam between a brilliant junior career and threatening stagnation at the senior level.

For a game and a half of the World Open final, Jackman matched the extraordinary power and pace of Sarah FitzGerald, the new champion. On Saturday, she defeated Michelle Martin, the deposed triple champion and still world No I, 9-3, 4-9, 5-9, 9-7. 9-7 in the 74-minute firststring rubber of the team final against the top-seeded defending champions.

FitzGerald buried Linda Charman, the world No 15, from Sussex, at second string. easing back her ferocious assault only when a 28minute, 9-0, 9-1, 9-3 victory was assured in the third

game. There was just a moment in the deciding third string rubber when Fiona Geaves, from Gloucester, the world No 9, looked capable of turning the tide when she held 8-7 and game ball in the third game against Liz Irving, the most experienced player in the field - but the moment passed in a blitz of backhand attacking shots that took Irving, and Australia, to a third successive title, 9-4, 9-4, 10-8.

Charman and Geaves were late replacements for Sue Wright and Jane Martin. higher ranked players, who were injured championship. "They did brilliantly well," Cowie, who is also the England team manag-

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# **SPORTS LETTERS**

#### FA must send out clear signal Hill worthy of accolades

From Mr Jonathan Adelman

Sir. One would hope that the much publicised gestures made by the Aston Villa goalkeeper, Mark Bosnich, during his team's defeat at Tottenham (reports, October 14, 15) were made out of crass stupidity and insensitivity and not out of deliberate provocation or spite. His subsequent apologies suggest that to be

If the Football Association, however, truly wants to take a stand against anti-Semitism, racism and all other forms of ethnic antagonism in and around football stadiums, the nation's footballers should be told that they must act as responsible role models to the thousands who idolise them.

When a player acts as Bosnich did, the punishment, whether in the form of suspension, fine or educational programme, must send a clear signal to all that whether the racist imagery is acted out by riotous spectators at the international match between Ireland and England at Lansdowne Road or ignorant players at White Hart Lane, it is totally unacceptable.

The Football Association will, no doubt, act responsibly in this matter. After all, the charge of bringing the game into disrepute has rarely been so apt. However, the words of David Mellor, the MP and radio presenter, were possibly as irresponsible as the gestures themselves and may

have caused similar offence. Throughout his phone-in show shortly after the match, he consistently played down the seriousness of the gestures and even belittled a caller who was trying to explain that the gestures had offended him.

Mr Mellor appeared to find the episode amusing and certainly not a serious matter worthy of rebuke. This is startling considering his con-nections to the Government which oversaw the passing of legislation designed to combat exactly that kind of behaviour.

He appears to have undermined both his own Government's policies and the attempts of the Football Association to "kick racism out of

The sad conclusion must be that Mr Mellor, like Bosnich, deserves blame for insensitivity and while the latter will be held accountable it is doubtful that Mr Mellor will.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN ADELMAN, 222 Grays Inn Road, WC).

#### Sleep inducer

From Mr Alfred Rose Sir, Since Simon Barnes

("Golf movie fails its screen test". Midweek View, October purchased a horse and learnt the art of controlling it, he has become blinkered in his outlook.

I had no interest in horses until, ten years ago, i met my wife, who had just become a junior European event rider. At the same time, I was in the early stages of learning golf, which I have pursued doggedly since. As in most relationships, one is often asked to support one's partner in their chosen pastimes.

The first phase of eventing. as Barnes would know, is the art of dressage, which I believe him to have admired in his previous writing. Dare I say that, if he suggests that watching golf is mundane, then

watching dressage is the most sleep-inducing pastime that I have ever witnessed.

I cannot believe that Ryder Cup viewing, or the last round of a major golf championship, is less stimulating to a sports enthusiast than watching a dressage rider perform a "flying change" or "half pass".

If the uninterested spectator placed in front of both, I believe even he would still prefer to view the scenery of a manicured golf course to that of a dull, artificial menage. Yours faithfully,

ALFRED ROSE, The Manor House, Fillingham. Gainsborough, Lincolnshire,

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# been a steady deterioration in the behaviour of our sporting "heroes" and these days, sad-

Sir, I welcome your leading article ("A good win for a good man", October 14) following Damon Hill's world championship win.

My interest in motor racing is minimal but I salute Hill's achievement. especially because of his good humour and the refreshingly dignified, modest manner in which he

conducts himself. In his father's day most British sporting champions were courteous and gracious in victory - and defeat. Over the years, however, there has

Muddled rules

From Mr L. D. Kennedy Sir. I am intrigued to note that

five players contracted to the London Irish rugby union club are able to represent their provinces in the Heineken European Cup and then return to London Irish to play in Courage league games.

Ireland was allowed to enter the European Cup on a pro-vincial basis because it was considered that its club teams were not strong enough to enter on an individual

Surely, therefore, any play-ers representing the provinces should be drawn from Irish clubs, not English clubs. If Jim Staples and Keith Wood, two Irish internationals at present playing with Harlequins, de-cided to play for Ulster, would

they be eligible to play for Ulster against Harlequins in the European Cup match and if Ulster did not reach the final stages of the competition, would they then return and play for Harlequins in the

ly, high-level sporting success

is quite likely to be accompanied by vulgar triumphalism.

I had begun to think that old-fashioned "British" sport-

ing champions were now only

publicly represented by over-seas golfers such as Greg Norman and Nick Price, so

Hill's emergence has been

verv welcome.

Yours faithfully.

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same competition? In all serious competitions. there is a minimum qualification and a minimum registration period. It needs to be explained why one Saturday players can appear for one club and another Saturday can appear for a different club (which is what the Irish prov-inces are in the context of the European Cup) and can then return to the club to which they are contracted and which pays their wages.

Yours truly, L. D. KENNEDY, Fairfield,

9 Dulwich Village, SE2I.

Hazards ahead

From Mr Gordon Davies

Sir, I suspect that Mr Corbett (Sports Letters, October 14) has exposed only the tip of the iceberg in the problems that may arise from Wimbledon's

proposed move out of London. The logical implication of the Bosman judgment is that there should be no bar to employment for a professional sportsman within the European Union. Consequently, Germans, Frenchmen or Italians could be playing for England in the next European

without any Englishmen in the team.

The problem with Fifa is not that the British teams would be forced to play as the United Kingdom. Rather it is that the European teams would be forced to play under the auspi-ces of the European Union This change could apply 10 many other sports. Already, the Ryder Cup is contested by

Europe, not by a British team. Making sport professional, together with the Bosman case and the creation of the European Union, may have hitherto unforeseen consequences.

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# Fragile Henman fails again at the final hurdle

FROM DAVID MILLER IN OSTRAVA

TIM HENMAN has mixed feelings about his popularity as Great Britain's best hope in men's tennis since John Lloyd. On Saturday afternoon, he was having to live with the knowledge that he had not only failed for himself, but also failed for all those who have this year given him such whole-hearted support.

His bubble of optimism, with the prospect of reaching his first ATP tour final on his sixth semi-final appearance, had been punctured by the bounding, muscular David Prinosil, of Germany. In a little over three-quarters of an hour. Prinosil, who had won their two previous encounters, snuffed Henman's ambitions in the Czech indoor tournament at Ostrova by 6-4, 6-3.

The support I have had throughout the year, especial-Wimbledon, has been great," Henman said, "but I can't afford to think too much about other people's hopes, I have to concentrate on my world. It sounds selfish, but, if you play for other people, it doesn't work. It has been a marvellous year for me; maybe I've helped to raise awareness of tennis at home, so i hope there is a positive spin-off for the game from that." Henman did not attempt to

hide from the fact that he had played as indifferently against Prinosil as he had been commanding the previous day Wayne Ferreira, ranked No 7 in the world.

Henman's return of service was erratic but, critically, his own services were ineffective. Though he hit it aces to Prinosil's eight, he won 13 per cent fewer of first services put in court, and only eight (42 per cent) out of 19 second services.

On return of service, he won only half the number of points that Prinosil did from either first or second service. It was not a good afternoon after high expectations. though Prinosil, of Czech origin and ranked No 58, had given warning with his quarter-final defeat of Todd Martin. Yesterday, he beat Petr Korda, the local favourite, 6-1,

6-2 in the final for his second

"Service was the crux," Henman said, "It's something service power as against Ferreiral that I've got to find for longer periods. I have improved my serve this year, but it has to be sustained through continuous matches. Against Ferreira, I was always confident of holding my serve. Today, I was constantly under

Prinosil's backhand return down the line and Henman's double fault gave the German three set points at 5-4 for the first set, and in the same way he reached 40-15 against Henman's service for the deci-



Prinosil holds trophy

sive break in the second set for 3-i. Although Henman saved one match point at 5-2, his touch was sadly adrift.

Sometimes, a match can be said to have turned on a point. it would be generous, given his form on the day, to say this of Henman; yet, at 44 in the first set, he did have a chance to grasp the initiative - and squandered it.

There had been little to choose between the two up until then, though Prinosil had been the sharper. They had aced their way through the first four games, and Henman had been the first to stretch his opponent to deuce in the fifth.

At 4-4 and 40-30 down, Henman hit a strong return

and then his first stinging flat forehand of the match, again to take Prinosil to deuce. On the next point, Henman, coming to the net behind his return, had an open court with a backhand volley. He hit the shot too deep and, instead of a chance to be a break ahead, he was the odd-game down and

now serving to save the set.
"Hopefully, I am going to be
in many more semi-finals." he said, "and will go on to win some of them. I have to accept this result; it is part of the learning curve, but it was an opportunity missed."

The Czech crowd was conscious of this. They know the game. From the days of Jaroslav Drobny in the early postwar years, through Kodes, Lendi, Navratilova, Mandlikova and others to the present time, the former Czechoslovakia has been a breeding ground for players. The game has become the country's third most popular behind football and fee hock-

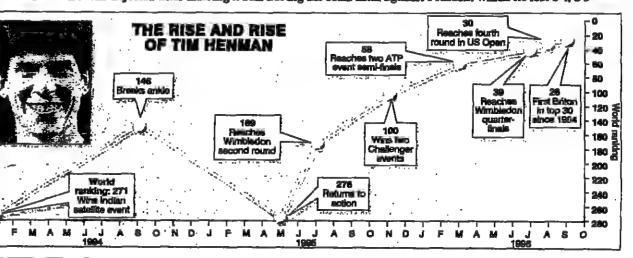
ey. Throughout the week, there had been enthusiastic crowds, and they were rooting for Henman when he had his once chance to get back in the match in the second set. At 1-1, Prinosil was briefly in

trouble. A scooped, retrieving forehand pass by Henman and a fine backhand crosscourt pass found Prinosil 15-40. With what then looked like a long first service. Prinosil saved the first break point, then the next, and gained advantage at deuce with a dead drop off the net cord. Two slices of bad luck for Henman in one game. In the next. Henman faltered and the match was effectively over.

He remains buoyant, however, both about his future and that of Britain as they raise their Davis Cup status. "Greg [Rusedski] and I are keen for Britain to become one of the top lo nations, and with Greg close to the top 50, we are optimistic," he said. "It helped me when he first came over from Canada) and now it'll do us both good with him trying to overtake me."



Henman looks dejected after missing a ball during his semi-final against Prinosil, which he lost 6-4, 6-3



#### Novotna spoils Hingis's plans for home rule

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JANA NOVOTNA mined 3 lely Martina Hingis's homecoming party yesterday by beating her 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the European indoor championship in Zurich. Ignoring the gard partisan crowd, Novotna needed just 63 minutes to collect her twelfth title, her

second this season. Novotna, from the Czech Republic, dominated the match, allowing Hingis, 16. from Switzerland, to hold service just twice and ending junty. Hingis's hopes of a second at the tournament win to add to her in triumph in Filderstadt, Gerogal. many, last week.

Hingis appeared tentative "x if and nervous from the outset hijust and failed to hold her service in the opening set. She looked as though she might recover of the when she held to open the might second set, but Novotna or etc. on to secure the match with an

Hingis continues to inch her way up the world rankings despite the loss she moved up one place to No 8 while Novotna jumped three places to No 5, one below her career-best ranking. It was Novotna's first win

in three meetings with Hingis, including a quarter-final encounter at the US Open earlier this year. "I was much better prepared today Novotna, the No 4 seed, said. 'I knew what I would do and what she was going to do. I knew I had to attack and not get into any long rallies." Mark Philippoussis, from

Australia, powered past Magnus Larsson, of Sweden, to win his first grand prix tour-nament, in Toulouse, yester-

Philippoussis, who had previously reached finals in Scottsdale, Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo, beat Larsson 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 to claim the indoor event. He dedicated the victory to Brad Robinson, his manager, who died last week.

Philippoussis, a big-serving Australian, attributes much of his recent improvement to the guidance of Peter McNa-

**BASKETBALL:** FORMER HEPTATHLON CHAMPION TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGE

# Joyner-Kersee's leap of faith

used to scoring over 7,000 points, so she had to adjust to the feeling that she was leaving the arena with only two against her name. If not as thrilled as she was when she won her three gold Olympic gold medals, she was no less relieved.

For a decade until last year, Joyner-Kersee was the world's greatest all-round woman athlete, a double Olympic heptathlon champion and a long jump gold medal winner. whose dominance stretched to a profusion of world records and world titles. Now here was the dethroned queen of seven disciplines - she no longer reigns as an Olympic or world champion - making her professional debut at an eighth: basketball. It remains inconclusive

whether Joyner-Kersee's participation will prove anything more than a publicity coup for the fifth, but best prepared. attempt at a professional woman's basketball league in the United States. Hartford hosted an historic first match in the American Basketball League (ABL) on Friday night. in which Richmond Rage, Joyner-Kersee's team, were away to New England Blizzard.

It was convenient that the

David Powell watches American icon

make debut in unfamiliar surroundings

opening night should feature the leading lady, even if any spectator popping out for pop-corn ran the risk of missing seeing her play. Dawn Staley, of the United States Atlanta Olympic gold medal winning team, was in Richmond's lineup but it was Joyner-Kersee's autograph that was promised for winners of a prize draw. Joyner-Kersee who received

the most deafening reception when the Richmond team was introduced. Joyner-Kersee who played only six minutes.

Left to fidget on the sidelines for the other 34 minutes. Joyner-

Kersee was the game's least er this year with \$38 million or impressive player, except for 20 seconds when the spotlight fell on her two free throws. Both went in. Oh. the relief. "In warm-up I was hitting the hoard," she said.

Asked what was her number one sport now, Joyner-Kersee replied: "Basketball". She was taking it seriously, she insisted, "I did not join this league with the

intention of sitting on the bench the whole time," she

said. She had, after all, been a

decent college player, still

third in University College of Los Angeles' list of most matches played and twelfth highest scorer.
I am not just out there for show," she added. Nor is she just out there for money.

Tammy Holder, Richmond's

general manager conceded that Joyner-Kersee's 'I do not salary would be "similar to the rest need to be of the Olympians and theirs is out here for \$125,000." Small the money' change to Michael

Jordan, sport's top endorsement earnto Shaquille O'Neal, who signed a \$120 million dollar deal to leave Orlando Magic for Los Angeles Lakers. Small change, too. for Joyner-Kersee. Financially I do not need to be out here," she said. "It is not about money, it is about supporting the league. It is the opportunity it is going to give to the next generation" - if it works. None of the previous

professional women's leagues lasted more than three years. Those in the know say that the ABL, with its eight-team league and backing from Reebok, will thrive because the women's game has caught the public eye. Attendances at college matches are rising and the Olympic victory heightened interest. Why,

then, does the ABL need 34-

year-old Joyner-Kersee?

"She might be that piece of bait; people come to see her but they see the product," Holder said. Given the players' skills and the enthusiasm of the 9,000 crowd in Hartford, people are being won over. "Great game. It makes you think: 'Where's this been?' one spectator said as he left.

The National Basketball Association is to introduce a women's league next summer with backing from Nike and NBC. "I hope it will not be a cut-throat thing, but I imagine that things will have to come together because you (cannot) dilute the talent," Clarissa Davis-Wrightsil, of New England, 100-73 winners over Richmond, said. If the NBA wins, Joyner-Kersee's baskethall career will be over, "Athletics is still my number one summer sport," she said. Judging by Friday, still what

BASEBALL: NEW YORK FORCED TO WAIT AFTER 14-YEAR EXODUS FROM THE BIG TIME

# Field of dreams under water

T i rained on New York's parade on Saturday. After waiting 14 years for the most famous team in baseball to return to the World Series. supporters of New York Yankees were made to wait another day by rain and high winds which forced the postponement of the opening game against Atlanta Braves.

The dismal weather, which even threatened to delay the start of the Series until today, may have washed out the game but it failed to dilute the excitement which has attended the return of the Yankees to the big time.

Tickets were changing hands for vast sums despite police warnings of forgery and the huge merchandising industry which attends all major sporting events in the United States, has gone into over-

World Series 1996 caps, Tshirts, sweatshirts, and official balls are already widely available at prices which will be halved next week should the Yankees lose. The New York Post produced an 80-page supplement on Saturday. Every local television and radio station has devoted hours of coverage to the series even though the broadcasting rights to the actual games are securely held, and fiercely

Keith Blackmore on a wet and windy return to the World Series for Yankees

protected, by Fox and CBS respectively Like Manchester United. the Yankees have fans everywhere. Their fabulous history, 34th World Series, 22 wins, a virtual monopoly of the great names of the past: Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle and Reggie

Jackson to name a few, have

given the team in pinstripes its

Nothing embodies this nostalgic appeal better than Yankee Stadium itself. Even the Braves are glad to be playing there at last. "My players are anxious to get

here and take practise for the first time," Bobby Cox, the Braves manager, enthused. "It really means a lot to everyone. I'd love to play in a Series anywhere but it is something

really special here." Known to all as The House That Ruth Built, the stadium was opened in 1923 and it really was tailored to the demands of Babe Ruth, who had been signed from the

Boston Red Sox four years before. With Ruth's star power, the Yankees began to draw

bigger crowds than their archrivals, The New York Giants. The handsome new stadium was built to showcase his talent. The right field seats, where Ruth liked to hit, were only 294 feet away. Centre field, by contrast was 490 feet from home plate, a fact that was to cost Di-

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Maggio dear in 'Stadium's later years as towering shots which lease is cleared the fences of other parks dropped safely up in six years' time' into the hands of the grateful

fielders Some of the flickering lmages of the sport's most fondly remembered past were made here. Ruth hit the first home run here on April 18, 1923. It was at home plate here in 1939 that Gehrig delivered baseball's "Gettysburg Address" after learning that a fateful illness had ended his career.

More recently, Reggie "Mr October" Jackson had his finest moment at Yankee Stadium. In game six of the World Series in 1977, Jackson hit three home runs in three consecutive at bats, each off the first pitch he received, to lead the Yankees to their 21st championship.

The new, so-called "retrostadiums" like Camden Yards in Baltimore and Jacobs Field in Cleveland owe much of their design to Yankee Stadium. Yet it is the success of these ball parks which is now threatening the original.

The new stadiums certainly pack the fans in - Cleveland sold every single ticket for all 81 of their home games before the season started - while Yankee Stadium is seldom filled except for big games. This is partly due to its location in a section of the Bronx which is neither particularly attractive nor easy to

reach, except by subway. The lease on the stadium is up in six years. The team's owner, George Steinbrenner, is threatening to move. He probably means no further than Manhanan or possibly New Jersey - the move to another city would put his life at risk -- but the traditionalists are outraged at the thought. If there is a field of dreams it is the one at Yankee Stadium, even if it was under water

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Manchester (5:30) Budweiser League; Chester v Leicester (6:0); Leopards v London (7:0)

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(7 45), Tottenham Hotspur v Sunderland
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OTHER SPORT BOXING: Commonwealth super-middle-weight championship: Henry Whaton (York, holder) v Rick Thomberry (Aus), British super-middleweight champ-lewship: Joe Catzagire (Newbridge, holder) v Robert Wright (Dudley) (at Northgate Leisure Centre, Halitan). RACING: Exeler (1 50): Newcastle (2 10): Yarmouth (2 0). SNOOKER: Grand Prix (in Boumemouth) SPEEDWAY: Northern three-team championship (Hull v Bradford v Middles-brough, to be confirmed)

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Abertynon v Ystradgyritas (2.30); Abertyllery v Porntypool (2.30); Bonymaen v Maestag (2.30), Cross Keys v South Wales Police (2.30); Uardovery v Aberavon (2.30) Cardiff Inst v Blackwood (2.30). ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 2A: Ebow Valle v London Insh (2:30). OTHER SPORT

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Market Rasen (2.15); Doncaster (1.40); Morket Rasen (2.15), Newbury (1.30); Worcester (2.05) SNOOKER: Grand Prov (in Bournemouth) SPEEDWAY: Conference League: Ber-wick v Linfehgow (7.0). SUNDAY

FOOTBALL FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool v Derby (4.0) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Wolverhampton (1 0) BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: That di-vision: Albon v East Stiring.

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# Leicester need to learn quick lesson

Scottish Borders ......3

By MARK SOUSTER

THERE has been much talk in recent weeks of steep learning curves in rugby. For the Scots, it has come via the cold draught of exposure to the rarified atmosphere of the Heineken Cup, a quantum leap forward from the humdrum sterility of the national leagues. For their part. Leicester, now the only unbeaten side in pool B, are in the first year of the Bob Dwyer finishing school and the interim report as they stand reads:

"Should do better." Granted, they beat the Scottish Borders with plenty to spare, but they made hard work of it as they wrestled with the lessons that Dwyer had been teaching before his departure to Australia on business. They huffed and puffed for half an hour before finally blowing away the spirited but ultimately lightweight challenge of the Borderers. who, after their midweek up-set over Llanelli, privately fancied a repeat at Welford Road, particularly against a side showing seven changes from that which defeated Leinster and one lacking the calming influence of Dean Richards.

Rowntree and Cockerill, two of the vaunted front row, were also rested as Leicester rotated their squad before the challenges of Pau and Llanelli, matches that will determine the outcome of the group. The Borders, though, could not live with their equally physical replacements. West and Jelley. while Garforth was the rock upon which they foundered.

Dwyer, returning after five weeks away, conceded that the manner of victory "would not win a World Cup". "We weren't as positive as we could have been," he said. "We were doubtful about what we should do. which is a sure sign of a situation where we are trying to change the style and culture of the play at Leicester. It takes time for people to develop confidence in that, but, if we can rack up 40 points each week, I won't



Wingham, the Leicester flanker, exerts plenty of power as he forces his way through a determined Borders defence at Welford Road

There's a definite improvement in skill and I'm really encouraged by the enthusiasm the players have shown in approaching change. We've got players who are like sponges wanting and waiting to soak up new things, new

The Borders knew that they had to counter Martin Johnson and Matt Poole, the Leicester lineout experts, and varied their options accordingly, moving Carl Hogg to the front of the line in a largely unsuccessful attempt to disrupt Johnson, the England international, in particular. By the end of a staccato first quarter, littered with 13 penalties, the Borders had grown in confidence; they had led after a sixth-minute penalty goal by Gary Parker, their forwards

were spoiling effectively, the backs were lively if lacking real penetration and a muddled Leicester began to ques-tion themselves. They were so disjointed that the crowd of only 4,609 began calling for the absent Richards. They were not helped by a

lack of direction at half back and the decision to entrust Rob Liley, as opposed to John, his prolific elder brother, with the kicking duties. The former, at stand-off, missed three easy penalties, but then rediscov-Leicester breathing easy. However, it was not until ered his form by landing six out of his next seven attempts. five of them conversions as

As is often the case, the match turned on a moment of controversy — a try by Eric Miller, who looked yards offside when intercepting

gradually built

Redpath's pass to Chalmers after 34 minutes. Underwood added a second in time added for injury to Cammy Murray, who dislocated his shoulder, and suddenly it was 14-3 and

the last eight minutes of the game, when they scored three quick-fire tries against rapid--tiring opponents through Poole, John Liley and West, to add to Hackney's earlier sparkling effort, that Leicester belatedly stamped their authority on a match which was always theirs for the taking.

# Frenchmen fail to keep their tempers at bay

BY ALISON KERVIN

THE Heineken Cup is set to deliver lessons in human behaviour and cultural interaction as revealing as those it teaches about rugby. On Saturday, the question was what would happen when the passion and volatility of the French is exposed to the daunting chilling atmo-sphere of Stradey Park, Llanelli. The answer was a first half of brilliant, inventive, sparkling rugby and a second half of brutality, brawling, dismissals and general mayhem, a decline all the more shameful because of the sheer brilliance of that first half.

Llanelli played some outstanding rugby, and when the French found themselves under the pressure of defeat, they lost all semblance of discipline and resorted to disgraceful tactics. Steve Lander, the referee, kept control of the match by sending off three players in the sec-ond-half battle and, when he blew the final whistle, police moved on to the pitch to escort the remaining Frenchmen through crowds of incensed Welsh supporters.
Yet, if the second half will

be remembered for its violence, the first will live long in the memory for its sheer entertainment value. Frano Botica was in outstanding form, using his speed off the mark and quick decision-making to create time and space for the backs, enabling them to make the most of Neil Boobyer's skill in the centre. Rupert Moon also had a brilliant game, linking well with Botica and with the tough, relentless Llanelli forwards.

Yet Pau started the game in style, with all the grace and flair of the great French sides. The first try was theirs after the pack gained ground with a rolling mattl then pushed the ball out to Brusque. Llanelli responded with a try by Boobyer before Pau scored

seven pairs of hands before Sebastian Claverie ran in.

Botica made a decisive break to put Stephen Jones, the teenage full back, over for Llanelli's next score, before Moon went over just before the break to take Lianelli into a clear lead.

The trouble started brewing early in the second half, as Pau made a brave attempt to use tactical substitutions, which are not legal until November. Lander rightly rejected their efforts and, soon after, with Pau 24-12 down. tempers started to flare.

Nicolas Bacque was the first to walk after punching Steve Ford. He was followed swiftly by Iwan Jones. The third sending off was the most dramatic, Frederic Torossian ordered off the field for stamping before, as he left the pitch, swearing and spitting at the jeering Llanelli crowd. For their troubles, Bacque re-

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ceived a 30-day ban, Torossian and Jones a 60-day

The second-half feuding left little time for rugby, but there was an exchange of penalty goals and a try by Botica that

scaled the victory. Gareth Jenkins, the Uanelli coach, was furious with the antics of Pau. "It's typical of the French mentality," he said. Henri Nicto, the Pau manager, left Lianelli promising to make a formal complaint about refereeing

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RUGBY UNION: CARDIFF UNABLE TO MATCH THE DRIVE AND FINISHING POWER OF 14-MAN OPPONENTS

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# Red card signals Toulouse advance

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN TOULOUSE

PERSONALITIES, it is said, are disappearing from rugby. Not in France, not in a Toulouse side where such players as Sylvain Dispagne and Thomas Castaignede prosper. One prompted a re-markable forward display at Les Sept Deniers here on Saturday, the other scored the points that keep Toulouse at the head of pool D in the Heineken Cup at the expense of a Cardiff side desperately tired after their exertions of the

previous six days.
Dispagne, 28, will probably not add to the handful of France caps that he has already won, but he bears all the hallmarks of an old-style French back-row forward: the scarred, chiselled face, the strong, ball-handling qualities, the ability to raise his own game and that of his colleagues when adversity demands — as it did on Saturday. So insistent was Toulouse's driving play and so clinical their finishing that it was hard to believe that they played three-quarters of the

match with 14 men. Castaignede, the baby-faced centre, will surely develop into one of the giants of French rugby. He scored in every possible way against Cardiff, whose chief executive, Gareth Davies, admitted that he had expressed an interest in taking him to the Arms Park last season. "He was the outstanding player in the five nations' championship," Davies said. When Toulouse arrive in London to play Wasps next

Given the disasters that

have overtaken Wasps of late, he will probably help to sustain an unbeaten European record for the Heineken Cup holders, but they will be without Patrick Soula, the hooker. On an afternoon that encompassed every facet of rugby. Soula was dismissed for kicking out at Hemi Taylor and has been suspended for three weeks. He was fortunate to have survived until the 23rd minute - a kick and a swipe at Justin Thomas went unseen, a yellow card followed and, finally, the red.

Soula's lack of control even extended to a menacing march towards Rob Dixon, the Scottish touch judge who spotted his extra-curricular activities, but his own players intervened. Afterwards, Soula and Taylor accused opponents of eye gouging, but the dismissal appeared to do more for Toulouse than for Cardiff. When Soula left, Toulouse trailed 6-5, a gap that Lee Jarvis extended to seven points before Toulouse began their irresistible drive towards victory in the second half.

Cardiff's European schedule has done them no favours. The players admitted that they were tired before the game, virtually the same XV having been on duty against Wasps and Munster, and they played like it. "The whole tournament needs looking at," Davies said.
"I've no quarrel with seeding
on the basis of domestic league results, but it can't be right that we should have had to travel to Wasps and Toulouse

within a week." Even so, Cardiff will know exactly what they must do in their remaining match, at home to Milan, and should reach a quarter-final in which

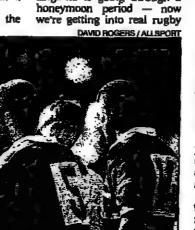


Berty, the Toulouse wing, races away from Jarvis on the way to scoring the first of his two tries against Cardiff

two months,"

pridd. "Today suggests Wales have something to build on at international level." Davies said, embracing Pontypridd's win over Bath. "Our problem may be that we have something of an intertority complex about our rugby, and if Europe helps get over that, Wales can only benefit."

directness of French rugby, in contrast to the froth of points that has been seen in England this season. "It's refreshing to see the French stick to what they are good at," he said. Lots of points may help attract crowds, but I think England is going through a



Cardiff briefly roused themmatches, not the multiphase play we have seen in the first

Toulouse found themselves having to re-evaluate their gamepian after an explosive first quarter disfigured by outbreaks of fighting in which Ray Megson, the referee, clearly judged them the aggressors. Apart from Soula's dismissal, they had conceded ten penalties before being awarded one themselves, and during that same period the effectiveness of Jonathan Humphreys was gradually reduced, a blow to the chest eventually forcing

Dispagne galvanised his players from No.8. Cardiff could not curb him and, by comparison, Emyr Lewis's stock declined

Nor could Cardiff do any thing to control the ball at restarts. Their lack of organisation conceded two tries and a dropped goal, Dispagne hav-ing a hand in two of them even though David Berty, the wing,

selves midway through the second half and worked Gareth Jones into the corner, but, the excellent goalkicking of Jarvis apart, they seldom threatened the Toulouse line. Robert Howley found little space and even Jonathan Davies, who was absent with an pressed to formulate a game of greater continuity.

Welcome to the South West, Toulouse seemed to say. Will it be the turn for Leicester (at Paul and Harlequins (against Brive) next weekend?

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# Dark days ahead for Orrell after Toulon win with class

BY NICOLAN ANDREWS

ORRELL is not the sort of club to indulge in self-pity. There is still a sense of pride and quiet dignity to be found at Edge Hall Road, born of many years of hard graft that gained a richly-deserved place in the game's upper echelons. If ever a club deserved the sympathy of all who care, and perhaps

fear, for the future of rugby

union, it is them and it is now. Rooted, pointless, to the bottom of the Courage Clubs Championship first division and now with no chance of progressing in the European Conference, the prognosis for Orrell is not bright. Shorn of io players during the summer, the team is short of experience

and quality.
The loss of Frano Botica, the former Wigan and Castleford rugby league player, to Llanelli last month particularly hurt. Since his departure, Orrell have employed four men at stand-off half. They will per-sist with Paul Hamer, the most recent incumbent, even if that means that Neil Gregory, the flanker, has to do the place

kicking. However, the contrast with Yann Delaigue, the Toulon No 10, was clear on Saturday. It was Delaigue who created the space for the threequarters to run in three first-half tries, and he ended the Orrell recovery with a dropped goal three minutes from time.
Orrell had snatched victory

in stoppage time from Dunvant the previous week. and might have manufactured another unlikely triumph against Toulon when Hamer put Clayton clear, only for the his kick ahead to roll over the dead-ball line. This, though, was the right result and the remaining group C games against Padova and Connacht are a chance for Orrell to try to find cohesion with nothing more at stake.

There are those who believe that the European Conference can broaden a team's experience. Not so Andy Macfarlane, the Orrell coach. "The last thing we needed was an extra competition when our prime ambition is to stay in division one," he said.

That task should be resumed at home to Gloucester on Thursday week, but the fixture is in doubt. For, while Orrell are short of money and players, they are also short of floodlights. Dark days, indeed, at Edge Hall Road.

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#### Ambitious<sup>2</sup> Newbury n treading . virgin 'v territory e

Henley .....

By Michael Aylwyn

NEWBURY played their fir: hen home match of the season of lo Saturday at their new. £3 tely million ground. One might b excused, however, for marve une ling at the spectacular sense ctd a timing from the Courager o Clubs Championship fourthad. division south club.

The project for relocating. and renovating the club's facilhad ities was first conceived inch." 1985. Eleven years and man ear twists and turns later, thicht completion of the smart, high and tech leisure complex neath coincided this weekend with mly the club's highest nationa the standing in their history; un beaten leaders of the division to which they were promoted only last season.

It also coincided with the use first steps towards profession dge alism in rugby, not to mentior the the visit of Henley, their loca Mr rivals, who were the only other intunbeaten side in their divisior letebefore Saturday.

If Newbury are representa-

tive of other small-to-middling on rugby clubs in the country, the drive to meet the demands of the fledgeling professional eraneed not seem so bleak and unrelenting.

Terry Burwell, the direct of rugby, has invested wisel but not extravagantly. Indee one of the pleasing aspects Newbury's standing is the seamless blend between th old and new in their person nel. Newly-recruited Keit Richardson coaches the firs team with Stefan Czerpak

who has been involved with the club in some form for more than 20 years. David Smith the chairman of development is himself a former captain of the first XV. First-team players are or

part-time contracts, to b largely funded by the takings from the leisure complex. Vodafone, their long-standing sponsor, whose rise to prom nence has coincided neatly with Newbury's, has pledge a six-figure sum over the next three years and an application for National Lottery funds has been made for further developments.

"The main financial concerr at the moment," Burwell said, "is that we are currently over budget on our win bonuses.

That problem was exacerbated on Saturday with a 11-9 victory over Henley. A Craig Davies try at the beginning of the match and an aptly-timed Nick Grecian penalty goal towards the end of it were enough to pip Henley.

SCORERS: Newbury: Try: Davise. Penalty goals: Grecan (2). Henley: Penalty goals: Parton (2). Dunlop
NEWBURY: N Grecian, T Hollowey, N Osman, T Osman, B Johnson, K Smith, S Halley: S Stewart, J Brammer, N Cofers, ( MacGeever, C Hall, A Duke, J Kingdon, C

HENLEY: A Parton, S Townsend, B Tuote, M Sweding, G Share; J Dunlop, B Devidson; R Heightodham, N Bradbury, P New, S Whyter, S O'Leary, S Flemming, G Taylor, W Philips, Dunlop replaced by M Maudsley (12mm); Flemming replaced by M Sowden (63).

# Pontypridd punish Bath for litany of mistakes

FIRST things first. As Bath's hardened men of yesteryear watched their contemporaries muscled aside in the rain and mud of Sardis Road on Saturday, they could justifiably lament the ravages of injury that had denied them critical ingredients in

their make-up. No de Glanville to calm and control; no Henry Paul, Guscott or Nicol outside the scrum: Oiomob missing up front - but the excuses, if such they be, end there and, to his credit, John Hall, the Bath director of rugby, made no attempt to evade responsibility. "This was," he said,

Harlequins.....

By BRYAN STILES

THE French foreign legion

operating in southwest London are confident that

they have given Harlequins

an edge in their attempt to

conquer Europe. Laurent

Cabannes and Laurent

Bénézech, who are gifted

match-winners on the field.

have been passing their

coaching staff a regular sup-

ply of video recordings of

Brive, the opponents that

Harlequins fear most in their

Not content with just re-

cording Brive's matches

while on visits home, they

have arranged for their fam-

ilies to join in the exercise and

send them videos by post.

The information gleaned

should make a vast differ-

ence to how they tackle Brive

next Sunday in France. The

Harlequins coaches have

been analysing Brive's

strengths and weaknesses in

fine detail.

Heineken Cup pool.

almost clueless at times."

second-best pack.

omit their tou Old Warnorses L front, men like Hilton, Dawe and Ubogu, who were, allegedly, not in form but who would hardly have accepted so meekly Pontypridd's assertiveness. Trips to Wales on foul days require a special breed and

Dawe's ability to stoke the fire of his

However, such a litany of own goals should not diminish Pontypridd's achievement. Victory by a goal and four penalty goals to two penalty goals by Callard deserved to be more emphatic. Only Jenkins's

imperative if Bath's European ambitions are not to dissipate. Training and the team selection meeting this week should be highly instructive.

WEEK STROUTE DE TRIGHTY HISTOCCIVE,

SCORERS: Ponkypridd; Try: Paul John, Conversiors: Jenkins. Penethy goales: Jerione (4). Bash:
Penethy goales: Calsard (2).

PONTYPREDO: K Morgen; S Enoch, J Lewis, S Lewis,
P Ford; N Jenidre, Paul John; N Eyrion, Pril John, A
Griffiths, M Lloyd, G Prosser, M Rowley, M Williams, D
Mchrosh: Williams: polacead by R Collins (40min).

BATH: J Calsard; J Robinson, A Adebayo, M Penry, J
Segrinholme; M Cett, C Harrison; K Yales, G Adiarus,
J Mallett, A Robinson, M Heag, N Risoman, R
Webster, E Paters.

Besterner, J Benetics (Sportaged).

# Wayward Wasps cut down to size by Munster marauders

FROM KARL JOHNSTON IN LIMERICK

AS THE victory cheers even-tually subsided at the end of figure.

This was as much a mental

made four changes and one positional switch in the wake of the defeat by Cardiff. Significantly, three of the changes were in the pack. Brian Begley, Munster's goalkicking left wing, was ruled out with a shoulder injury, but Killian Keane, assumed that goalkicking role, accounted for 19 of their points, with a try, two penalty goals and four conversions.

The Wasps pack was de-

stroyed in the set pieces and thoroughly outgurned in the loose. With good possession at a premium, Gareth Rees proved an astonishingly nave play-maker at stand-off half, and it soon became apparent that here was a side suffering from a bad dose of

the jitters. In that mental state, few teams survive at Thomond Park, where reputations count for very little. Wasps' general ineptitude was underlined by two interception tries for Munster, the first by Ben Cronin who collared on to an Andy Gomarsall pass, the second by Richard Wallace, who snapped up a ball intended for Shane Roiser inside the Munster 22-metre

Keane's two penalty goals put Munster ahead by six points in as many minutes.

Then, the Munster pack drove on for fully 20 metres from halfway, Keane's sweetly-judged hoist counfounded the defence and Anthony Foley bulldozed his way over. Then, it was Mick Galwey's turn to crash over, Keane failing with the two difficult conversion attempts. An unconverted try by Chris Sheasby helped to ease the pain for Wasps, but, at 16-5

scenting victory.

Munster's second-half tries were scored by Keane, Cronin, Wallace and Dominic Crotty, while Wasps also conceded a penalty try, and Keane kicked four conversions.

by the break, Munster were

Wasps added three tries courtesy of Will Green, Jon Ufton and Roiser, in injury time - but this was undoubtedly one to add to the Munster rugby annals, and the team will have all to play for in Toulouse a week on

Saturday.

SCORERS: Munster: Tries: Foley, Galwey, Keane, Cronn, Wallace, Crotty, penalty by Cornwestons: Keane (4) Penalty goels: Keane (2). Wespe: Tries: Sheasby, Green, Ulton, Rouse Conversion: Ulton, MulkSTER: P. Muntay (Shannon): R. Wallace (Saracers), B. Walsh (Cork Wallace (Saracers), B. Walsh (Cork Constitution), S. McCalall (Sunday's Well), D. Crotty (Genyowen); K. Keane (Genyowen), S. Mctvor (Genyowen), A. Foley (Shannon), A. Foley (Shannon), G. Futcher (London bish), D. Corkery (Bristol), B. Gronin (Genyowen)
WASPS: J. Ultion: P. Samoson, N. Greenstook, V. Tudgamale, S. Poiser, G. Rees, A. Gomarselt, M. Criffithe, S. Machell, W. Green, M. White, D. Crotun, M. Greenwood, L. Deleglio, C. Sheesby Gomersall replaced by M. Wood (Trein).
Referer: D. Mené (France) Saturday.

Referee: D Mené (France)

Rees: out of sorts

They have provided a lot of information and we will make sure that we don't make the same mistakes we made this afternoon against Neath," Andy Keast, the director of coaching, said. He was critical of the way his team let their grip slacken in the second half, with sloppy

finishing. It seems churlish to criti-

Worse, many of the wounds were self-inflicted. Bath have erred in the

matter of recruitment and team selection. They have failed to address a long-standing need for a presence at lock, a deficiency that they have attempted to disguise for two seasons. They failed to recruit the international-class scrum half whom they needed to vie with Andy Nicol for a first-team place. Like England, they have allowed themselves to be seduced into the notion that Mike Catt is an international stand-off half in the making. Catt and his half-back partner were totally outplayed by Paul John and Neil Jenkins, and not just because they were behind a

cise a team that has run in a joy, with his surging runs

eight tries against opponents who were Welsh champions

last year, but poor handling

did cost them three or four

More worrying was the performance of Will Carling,

the former England captain

and aspiring stand-off half.

He missed seven of nine kicks at goal — one of them from in front of the posts —

and, despite an abundance of

possession, failed to com-

mand the stage in the way a

natural stand-off might have

done. He displayed some

neat touches and made one

searing break in the second

half, but that was when he

had been switched to centre

as Gary Connolly had retired

Connolly, now he is a naturally-gifted player. A

rugby league recruit, he was

Carling: off target

injured.

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forwards was especially missed.

and deft handling that helped

Harlequins, who are un-

beaten this season, displayed

to create four tries.

attempts saved Bath embarrassment. All the power, passion and hunger

came from the marvellously spirited Welshmen, McIntosh, who will surely be the Wales No 8 for the international against South Africa in December, had an immense game, making some shuddering tackles, while Williams, Lewis and both Johns (Paul and Phil) all contributed handsomely. Morgan, 19, the full back, looked a player of rare talent and composure, fielding the wet ball immaculately and attacking with great determination.

Lewis's powerful run established third-phase possession, from which Paul John exposed a huge gap in the Bath defence for the game's only try, after 20 minutes. Pontypridd's 13-3

likely to suffice, because Bath were so poor in selecting a tactical plan appropriate to the conditions, even though they won ball despite the lack of a solid forward base, taking the lineouts 18-9 and enjoying a 25-10 penalty advantage. Now, victory over Dax next week is

#### French savoir-faire keeps Awesome Auckland Harlequins in the picture are simply the best

Christopher Irvine marvels at the

rugby being played in New Zealand

far too much power and class ATTITUDE, action, awesome to leave Neath with much of a - a boastful motto thrillingly fulfilled on Saturday by Auckchance. It was their second land, the finest exponents of win in the cup and they new-age rugby union. Like the story of their success, should make the quarterfinals, having yet to face Brive and Caledonia. The Auckland run and run. In New Zealand, their 59-18 dispower that their pack creates rocked Neath, who had diffimantlement of Otago in the culty in containing the chargsemi-final of the national provincial championship was a high mark — by European ing runs of Bénézech and Wood, the lineout superiority standards, it was stratoof the Llewellyn brothers who defected from Neath spheric. If you are searching for an or the skill of Cabannes as

verge of a treble of Super 12,

Ranfurly Shield and the pro-

vincial tournament. In world

rugby, at any level, only the

All Blacks themselves may be

better. Certainly, compared

with the one-trick ponies that

largely inhabit British rugby,

Auckland's team of thorough-

breds - jugglers and jugger-

nauts - play a game of perpetual motion devoid of

any errors to which Europe

aspires but is light years away

from achieving.

linkman between forwards and backs. Neath never gave up, showing commendable spirit as they fell further behind. hardened and often sublime They frequently launched rugby being practised in a resurgent New Zealand, then free-flowing attacks from their own half and were think of the difference between the discovery of the rewarded with three tries. The gulf in class between the wheel and the invention of the car. It is that great.
At the peak of this perfec-Welsh champions and the leaders of the English league. tion stand Auckland, on the

though, was sad to behold. though, was sad to behold.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Williams (3), O'Leey (2), Cobornes (2), Moncah. Conversions: Carling (2) Neath: Tries: S Williams (2), Boobyer Conversions: G Davies (2), Penalty goat G Davies. G. Penalty goat G Davies. G. Panalty goat G Davies. HARLEOURNS: J Staples; D O'Leary, G Cornolly, R Paul, P Mensah: W Carling, H Harriez, L Benézech, K Wood, J Leonard, W Davison. Gereth Linkellyn. Glyn Llawellyn. L Cabannes, M Wetson. Mensah: replaced by J Williams (40mm); Connolly replaced by J Challinor (67). R Jenkers lemporary replacement for Gareth Llewellyn (15-18).

Llewellyn (15-18) NEATH: G Devies, D Case, H Woodland, G Evans, R Jones; P Williams, P Horgan, J Danies, B Williams, L Gerard, R Jones, M Glover, A Kembury, S Williams, S Martin. Kembury replaced by I Boobyer (15). Referee: N Lasaga (France)

uals of vision and panache roll off the conveyor belt. Carlos Spencer is 21 and behind Andrew Mehrtens and Simon Culhane in the All Blacks' stand-off half pecking order, although maybe not for much longer if his five-try display on Saturday has any-thing to do with it, the best of which was one solo effort from 70 metres, when he showed Jeff Wilson the ball, as if handing it to him on a image that reflects the chasm plate, only to snatch it away between the newly-adventurand race off under the posts. The passes between his legs ous but still pretty hapless and the derring-do in space created by Ofisa Tonu'u's fare in Europe and the honed.

in raptures.

In New Zealand, individ-

Otago ran as well, if only to get away from Auckland's steamroller pack. Traditional on-mass rucking has given way to the rapid heel away from the hands of one or two forwards driving in, similar to the rugby league play-the-ball. Kicks to touch were virtually non-existent. Why spoil the momentum of widerunning forwards and swashbuckling backs?

booming passes at scrum half had the crowd at Eden Park

The result was spectacular. In the final next Sunday, Auckland play Counties. It is difficult to see them being anything but sacrificial lambs. Put it down to attitude, action and awesome Auckland.

# Wasps ......22

this pulsating Heineken Cup match at Thomond Park, a young man in the crowd said: "We'd better book our tickets for the match against Australia." More than 6,000 people turned up in the drizzle to watch Munster's unexpected, whirlwind triumph; for the visit of the Wallabies next month, you can at least double that attendance

triumph as one of physical strength allied to skill. The previous Wednesday, Munster had been taken asunder by Cardiff, and to have recovered so completely from that trauma was a remarkable psychological recovery. Munster's selectors had

# Take a run down a hill and you're up in the air

ix steps, a running jump and I was airborne. Catching a faint summer breeze. the ground dropped away like learus. I found myself soaring above the tree tops and across the hazy sky. As if through a camera lens. the Surrey landscape zoomed away as I climbed, and I was left, breathless, with the wind whistling in my ears and a

An offshoot of parachuting, paragliding has been around since the 1960s. Over the years, developments in gliding technology have made the sport a lot safer and it is now practised by people of all ages.

To start paragliding, you have to join a club. There is no law (as yet) that stops you from simply buying a glider and launching yourself from your nearest grassy knoll, but it would be exceedingly dangerous and irresponsible to do so. Only the paragliding clubs can provide the essential aviation and meteorological training and only clubs have access to the best take-off and landing sites. Furthermore, it is only clubs that can keep you up-todate with the various by-laws and restrictions that apply.

I went to the Green Dragons Paragliding Club, tucked away at the foot of the North Downs at Woldingham. Surrey, where Andy Shaw, the proprietor and former world paragliding accuracy champion, was there to show me the ropes, or risers, as they are called. After a detailed lecture, in which Shaw explained some basic meteorology and the safety aspects, we set off to the top of Hoving's Ridge to send me up and away.

There are several methods of launching a paraglider including being towed into the air or strapping on a set of most favoured involves running down a steep incline with the glider spread out behind you. In the right conditions, the canopy will fill with air after just a few paces and you will find your legs flailing at the ground as you take off for the heavens.

Donning a helmet and wearing a tough harness with a padded seat, I was attached by metal clips, called maylons. to my paraglider. The canopy was laid out evenly on the risers and run down the hill. Once the canopy was inflated, I was to let go of the risers and steer with the webbing control straps. Now, this task sounds simple but, in practice, a half-filled paragliding canopy is an unwieldy beast and my first attempt was brought to a hasty conclusion with me comouthful of earth.

Resigned to a long after-noon's work, and looking a little disillusioned, Shaw said: You didn't push on the risers fast enough. Perry." Deter-

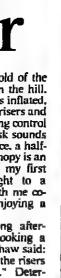


mined to prove that there was an aviator in me somewhere. I extracted the grass from between my teeth and walked back up the hill. My second try proved a little more fruitful. Having managed to get the ballooning canopy over my head and evenly spread out above me, I glided down the hill at the impressive altitude of three or four feet before crashing at the bottom. Absolutely ecstatic, I shout-

ed to the world: "I was flying did you see, I was flying. Shaw did not seem to share my enthusiasm. After the third I considered myself a seasoned fly-boy experienced low-level paragliding passes. However, it was not

until the last flight of the afternoon that I fully appreciated the thrill of paragliding

The wind had got up and I was somewhat perturbed by the breeze coming off the face of the hill below me. Throughout the afternoon, i had been taking off a little higher up the hill each time and by now I was almost at the top. With the adrenalin pumping, I set off once again. Above me, the canopy swelled and I



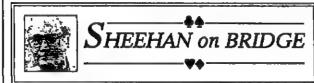
Getting the hang of it: Perry Cleveland-Peck picks up the gliding canopy and the essential lines, removes the earth from his mouth and walks back up the hill to try again



was in the air after a handful flickered its way past the M25 of strides. A sudden gust caught my glider and I soared and on towards London. By now, I was losing altitude and much higher than before. I a large oak loomed in my was terrified, I felt the canopy flight-path. A gentle tug on the lift me higher and higher and for a moment I thought that I out of its way and I looked about for a landing site kite, I climbed, and I froze in Opting for a field, I pre-

pared myself for impact as the ground came up fast. About The wind subsided and I three feet off the ground, I came to a stop a few hundred pulled hard on both the control lines to collapse the canofeet off the ground - not much py, as Shaw had showed me, but for me it felt like miles. I sat in my harness and atand landing was like stepping tempted to take stock. The off a bar stool. Shaw, who has been flying view was magnificent. The

since he was a child, enthused: "When you get into the air, it's a dream, knowing that it is just your skill and knowledge that has got you there."



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The declarer found a good hold-up play on this hand from the recent junior European championship, but West was on

Dealer North		North-South	<b>IMPs</b>	
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		<b>+K84</b>		
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Contract: 3 NT by South East's 2 NT was the Unusual No-trump convention, showing at least 5-5 in the two lowest-ranked unbid suits. I cannot see the objection to bidding One Heart. South (Sundstrom, the Swedish player) would have done better to double Three Hearts, collecting 800 on a trump lead from

Sundstrom embarked upon 3 NT by letting West's ten-nine of hearts hold the first two tricks. If declarer wins at trick one or two, he has to cross to dummy with a club to lead the ten of diamonds. When West wins the king, he can continue hearts, establishing the suit with East's ace of diamonds

still intact as an entry. After taking two heart tricks, the Turkish West rightly concluded that there was no point in continuing hearts that would give the declarer eight tricks, and he might be able to establish a diamond for the ninth. Notice that, in this variation, East should play the jack if declarer leads the ten of

diamonds from dummy declarer has to judge whether to put on the queen

West switched to the queen of spades (a passive club exit would have been more accurate). Now, even if the declarer pins East's spade pips by winning the king of spades and subsequently leading the ten from hand, he cannot set up nine tricks without letting the defence score a spade and two diamond tricks, to go with the two heart tricks that they have already taken.

The tenth World Bridge

Olympiad began vesterday on the Greek island of Rhodes. The British Open team have made an excellent start. A 22-8 victory over Kenya was fol-lowed by a 25-1 defeat of Cyprus. Most of the favourites in their group have also started well, but the United States lost their opening match to Israel 17-13. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday,

# EENE on CHESS

#### By Raymond Keene CHESS CORRESPONDENT

#### Wretham

Next to Hastings, the international tournament at Wrexham is becoming established as the No 2 all-play-all grandmaster tournament in Great Britain. This year, the ten-player field includes Chris Ward, the British champion. and grandmasters Lars Karlsson, from Sweden. Nigel Davies, from Wales, and Istvan Csom, from Hungary. The tournament is category seven on the World Chess Federation scale, with seven out of nine being necessary for a grandmaster result and 512 for an international master performance. The event finishes on October 24. After four rounds, Ward had seized the lead with 32 points, defeating

sole grandmaster in the secand round. White: Lars Karlsson (Swe) Black: Nigel Davies (Wales) Owens Corning International

Karlsson, the early leader, in

the fourth round. Here is how

Karlsson demolished Wales

Wrexham, October 1996 **English Opening** 9 Ne5 10 Nc3

Black resigns

FACT BOX

A second-hand glider

costs between £700 and

£1,000 and a new one

about £2,000. A ten-day

course with Green Drag-

ons, in which you qualify

as a pilot, costs little more

than £500, equipment

included. Green Dragons

also hire out paragliders

for £25 per day - so once

you have qualified you do

not have to buy your own

Green Dragons Para-

gliding and Hang Glid-

ing Centre: 01883 652666.

Diagram of final position

#### Isle of Man

If Wreyham and Flastings are the top all-play-all tourna-ments in the United Kingdom at the moment, the Monarch Assurance Open, in the Isle of Man, has replaced the Lloyds Bank Masters as the leading open competition. The event this year, which finished earlier this month, was won by Vladislay Tkachiev, the Kazakhstan grandmaster, with seven out of nine. Other leading scores were Baburin (Ireland) and Ledger (England) 612: Hebden and Hodgson 6: Arkell, Emms, Harriet Hunt, Norwood and Ward all 5½. Ledger distinguished him-self by achieving the grandmaster norm.

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#### WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

DIDYMITIS a. Second sight b. Inflammation

b. A retrospective exhibition

c. Double vision

REDHIBITION

a. Showing off

c. Nullification

OXYMORON a. A useful idiot h. Silver/tin compound e. A contradiction THAUMATURGE a. A passion to be popular

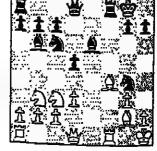
b. A rich incense c. A miracle-worker Answers on page 45

# **WINNING MOVE**

#### By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Lima -Shulman, Erevan Olympiad. 1996. In this position, White came up with the idea of 1. Nxd5, the point being to meet I. ... Bxd5 with 2. Qxg4

winning a pawn. Can you spot the flaw in his logic? Solution on page 45



# Cut out the leg work

undulating Downs seemed

like a mere fold in the Surrey

countryside and in the dis-

tance I picked out the East

Grinstead railway line as it

lying for Peter Bruce has never been better. When he wanted to paraglide in the old days, he would take his turn with scores of others at Devil's Dyke on the South Downs.

Since June, however, just taking five or six steps in a farmer's field has been sufficient to get him airborne. The change is down to a 14 kilo. 66 oc engine that is strapped to his back and gives him enough thrust to get off the ground. It must be said that the engine's propeller is enclosed in a cage.

Paramotoring or, in the official language, foot-launched powered gliding.

became exempt from requirements covering aircraft certification, registration and pilot licensing four months ago. So paramotoring can justifiably claim to be the newest sport in Great Britain.
"The motor has given me more opportunities to fly because I'm no

longer completely dependent on weather conditions in order to take off," Bruce said, "When in the air, I keep the engine running to maintain height so that, even if there is no thermal activity. I can stay up." He did his training at Sky Systems in Sussex.

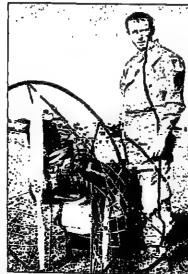
Unpowered paragliders generally make use of two types of lift, both to take off and to stay in the air. Thermal lift is caused by hot air rising and dynamic lift is caused by air being deflected unwards from a hill, mountain or sand dune.

When Bruce wants to take off now, he simply starts the two-stroke engine. inflates his paraglider by running a few steps and then squeezes the handthrottle (similar to a bicycle brake) to increase the power. Paramotoring is best suited to calm or light-wind days. Strong or gusty winds can make paramotoring and paragliding hazar-

Bruce's engine cost £3,500, has an electric start and gives him a top speed of between 20 and 25 miles per hour. Fuel can last long enough for almost

four hours of flying.

A number of paragliding schools now



Have equipment will fly

offer courses in motorgliding. Northern Paramotoring, near York, for instance, holds nine or ten-day courses, at £50 a day, for those who have never been paragliding, but experienced paragliders can convert to paramotoring in as little as two days.

#### **FACT BOX**

● Northern Paramotoring, Gablehurst Church Lane, Skelton, York, YO3 6YT: 01904 470092

 Sky Systems Ltd. Edburton.
 West Sussex. BN5 9LL: 01273 857700 Ten-day novice course:

€499, Two-day course: £199. • British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. Old School Room, Loughborough Road, Leicester, LE4 5PJ: 0116-261

Training at Northern Paramotoring can be free if a new paramotor (engine and paraglider) is purchased from the school. During the first four or five days of the longer course, you concentrate on learning to paraglide. There are lessons in basic meteorology, principles of flight and air law. You also practise launch techniques and then you will make flights of up to 300ft in altitude. including 180-degree turns and accurate

landings. lan Currer, at Northern Paramotoring, explains that "by the fifth day we should be able to start paramotoring. We teach throntle and engine management, take-off techniques, simple cicrcuits, emergency procedures. Then finally there is a 30-kilometre flight which will include navigation skills". There is also a written exam.

urrer, the author of Touching Cloudbase. The Complete Guide to Paragliding, warns people that paramotoring without proper instruction is very dangerous. "You must be trained by a qualified instructor." he said. "in order to get insurance. Your insurance will cost about £250

a year. The exemption from the Civil Aviation Authority states that the operator of a paramotor must be the owner. This means that you cannot hire them. So, before you come on a course, you will have to buy one." A back-pack engine will cost between £3,000 and £4,000. A paraglider costs between \$1,500 and \$2,500.

Jolyon Harrison, who was involved in drawing up the training syllabus for paramotoring, said: "When you are paragliding, there is a lot to think about in terms of air currents and where you are going to land. Having an engine on your back makes flying that much more relaxing and allows you to land where

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# محددا من الرصل

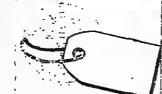
Sports know "Every 1's A Winner". Hot Chocolate's 1978 hit single, only too well. The familiar guitar line leads into the advertisement for IJB Sports, offering discounts on football boots, replica ream strips and the like. The company -

David Whelan. launched the business with the compensation that he received after breaking his legplaying for Blackburn Rovers in the 1960 FA Cup Final — is one of the new breed of sports retailers that are now starting to dominate high streets in Great Britain. Nick Bubb, a retailing expert at Mees-Pierson, the stockbrokers, estimates that sports retailing has an annual turnover of more than £500 million and is growing at between 25 and 30 per cent a year. It is dominated by five retailers and five brands - Nike, Adidus, Reebok. Umbro and Poma which are said to have \$5 per cent of the clothing and shoe

J.IB. a good old sports retailer, selling everything cricket Newcastle United leisurewear, floated on the stock market nearly two years ago. This week, it will be joined by its confusingly similar sounding rival, JD Sports, JD, founded by John Wardle and David Makin, inhabits the fashion end of the market. only slightly touched upon by J.B. The differences between The companies are marked enough for Duncan Sharpe, a director of JJB and the son-inlaw of David Whelan, to say that he would be quite happy for the two to have shops situated next to each other on

the high street. So what has transformed this market? For a start, there is the massive growth of replica shirts. Sharpe reckons that increasing safety inside

# THE BUSINESS



and around football grounds means that people who used to hide their team scarves under their jumpers, for fear of being beaten up, now happily wear gaudy shirts emblazoned with Bergkamp (0".

Teams have also entioned on to this, having three strips. which means that a new one is launched every eight months. The latest, available in the shops this week, is a yellow strip from Arsenal. The retailreakon to pracket at least Manchester United leads this market, selling twice as many shirts as Liverpool, its nearest rival, with Newcastle United and Arsenal a little behind.

Then there is the growth of hiking boots. Brands like limberland, Caterpillar and Kickers have moved into this market, so much so that their shoes are often not sold in conventional shoe stores, only in sports and specialist shops. Shoppers of all ages, not merely teenagers, are now getting used to going to JJB ruther than Saxone to buy their fashionable footwear.

Retailers are now looking towards other sports to provide the new trend. The growth could come from rapexpanding minority sports, such as basketball and ice hockey. So, when your children ask you for a Sheffield Sharks training top, do not say that you were not

JASON NISSÉ I

# Casey fishes on the right side of the law

The winner of the

British pike fishing

championships tapped

an unlikely source. **Brian Clarke reports** 

The channels that the Dutch built to drain The Fens slice through the flat landscape as straight as a peat-cutter's spade. From the surface, every dug inch, every monotonous mile, hoks the same. Below the surface, as every local knows, they are not. Beneath the hland, grey ripples, there are shelves and weed beds, obstructions and deeps, places that hold food and that are attractive to fish. Roach, rudd and bream abound. Amid the grazers and nibblers, the predators bark headed by the nike.

Every local angler who Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, for the draw on Saturday, knew where these places were. So, when the draw was being made for pegs in the Angling Times! Mustad British pike fishing championships, all the smart local money was on the pegs near Child's Bridge, just outside the town. Among the men - and

women - who make it to the finals, tensions and ambitions run high. Big money is at stake. There are wagers on pegs, on individuals, the lot. Child's Bridge is on the Forty Foot Drain, a water that, for all that it might have been named by a municipal computer, is one of the best

angling venues in the region. The water near it has more than its fair share of places attractive to small fish and so holds more than its fair share of pike. Though nearly 500 anglers from all over Great Britain were fishing, though they were spaced out over nearly nine miles of the Forty Foot and the nearby Sixteen Foot, it was the pegs on the bridge reach that attracted most bets.

In such places, Law No 3 of angling usually prevails. Everyone knows that the best pegs, if they go to a good local angler with intimate know-ledge of them, are likely to



produce the winner. Even someone from the other end of the country, if they know what they are about, is likely to succeed on the best pegs. When Joan Cole, a local

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angler who fishes the drain for pike week-in and weekout, drew peg 381, she became was one of the Child's Bridge hotspots. Cole had taken the entrant last year, from a swim just a couple of pegs along. It soon looked as though

she was home and dry. Halfan-hour into the maich, she had runs on each of her two rods. She got both fish. The first weighed 4lb 120z, the second was nearly 10lb bigger. She rebaited one rod and cast

out. While she was re-haiting the other, she had a third run - and landed a pike of 8lb 10oz. It was one of the fastest starts that the championship had seen. Law No 3 was

coming good. Of course, there is also Law No 2. This says that a good angler on a modest peg can beat a good angler on a good peg, if the modest peg is fishing above its form and the fishing on the good peg dies early. Of course, the man on the modest peg will have to graft, but he can still win.

The fishing on Joan Cole's peg died after her third run. It was about the time that the feeling warm. fish in front of Leslie Moses, a few hundred varids or so away, were just coming on.

Peg 398 is not a bad peg, but it is on the periphery of the hotspots. From time to time, it has produced a decent fish or two, but rarely more. In midmorning, Moses, from Monmouth, struck into a pike of 15lb 12oz. Not long after that, he got into a corker - 181b 4oz-

'I hen came a third fish, a fish so small that it would have been lost in a nook or cranny of a big pike's teeth. It weighed just IIb 80z, but it shortened the odds. By mid-afternoon, Law No 2 had exerted itself clearly over Law No 3, and some who had cone for a long shot were

They had forgotten Law No I of angling. Law No I says that, this being fishing seem to be in the know, either. and these being betting men. anyone can catch anything anywhere and, if it is inconvenient enough and improbable enough, they very likely

Neil Casey, of Sheffield, was fishing the Sixteen Foot Drain. The Sixteen Foot in this match at least, has always been a dog. It has never produced. Low groans could be heard through the clamour of the draw when someone in the know drew a peg there. Casey was not in the know. He had been pike fishing just months and had never fished the match before. Away from the hubbub of the Forty

Foot, on a normally dead

piece of water, the fish did not

Casey banked two. One weighed 20lb 8oz, the other case specimens both, the biggest brace of pike caught in the long history of the champ-As it happens, a couple of other great fish were caught

23lb that fell to Carl Riley, of Norwich - but these other anglers caught nothing else. And so, in the end, it was Law No I that prevailed. Angling's Law No l is Mur-

phy's Law. Only the punters and the fishers seemed surprised that it had come through again.

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# Cecil responds in champion style

RACING CORRESPONDENT

AS HENRY CECIL reflected yesterday on the most memorable day in his 27 years as a trainer, he and Sheikh Mohammed were finalising their battle plans in the struggle for the trainers' championship.

The stunning success of Bosra Sham in the Dubai Champion Stakes, which prompted unforgettable scenes of public affection for Cecil at Newmarket on Saturday, means the ten times

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ENTICE (3.15 Pontefract) Next best: Your Most Welcome (3.45 Pontefract)

champion trainer is now £50,360 clear in the search for another title.

Ironically, the denouement to this enthralling encounter will almost certainly be played out at Doncaster next Saturday when the main protagonists are on the other side of the Atlantic, attending Breed-

ers' Cup Day in Toronto. The group one Racing Post Trophy, with £75,000 added prize-money, is the last big race of the season. If Cecil can win with Besiege, to be ridden by Richard Quinn, the title will be his. However, Sheikh Mohammed decided over the weekend to pay a total of

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2.45 Wollstonecraft

3.15 ENTICE (nac)



Cecil, watched by his wife, Natalie, receives warm congratulations from Bosra Sham's owner, Wafic Said

and Medaaly. If either prevails, Saeed bin Suroor, the licence holder for Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin operation, will be back in with a shout and the title fight could continue until the final hours of the Flat season on Novem-

If anyone needed a remind-£30,000 to supplement Asas er of what is at stake, a year

after the acrimonious split between Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed, the aftermath of the Champion Stakes offered it in vivid colour. The wild applause as Cecil

and his wife, Natalie, emerged from the walkway leading to the winner's enclosure: the telling look between the couple as the sheer volume of noise

hit them; Cecil's kiss to the The crowd was quite fantastic cheering crowd, and the sponto the filly and to us. It just taneous three cheers for Henshows how much good there is ry in return. For a few all around." While the partisan crowd moments, Headquarters felt cheered Cecil to the echo, their like Cheltenham after a fam-

ous Irish victory.
"It was amazing," Cecil said yesterday. "Probably one of strength of feeling was matched by the magnanimity of Sheikh Mohammed in dethe best days I have ever had. feat. He was among the first to offer his congratulations to certainly the most memorable.

4.45 BROOMFIELD NURSERY HANDICAP

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

touching gesture at the presentation ceremony, he feigned horror as Cecil unwittingly pointed his prize - a dagger at the sheikh's heart. Simon Crisford, a close

confidant of the sheikh and Godolphin's racing manager, reflected: "It was an emotional day, which does not happen enough in racing. Flat racing can get a shade boring without Cheltenham-type scenes. It sometimes lack a little bit of sensation, but this year has changed that.

"On Saturday night, after Halling's defeat and its effect on the trainers' championship, I told the boss he was like a lame duck with a broken wing, flying against a very powerful army. He said he felt more like a lion with a pine needle in his paw."

Crisford added: "On Satur-

day, we were serving with match point. Now we are up against it. Unless we win the Racing Post Trophy, we have had it. But it has been a great contest. I think everyone has enjoyed it and the reality is that Henry Cecil is a difficult man to beat."

60 two-year-olds, in training, more than double this year's string. Halling is unlikely to be among their number as he starts a career at stud. However. Cecil can look forward to training Bosra Sham as a four-year-old, thanks to the sporting attitude of her owner,

prisingly, considerable patience is required, but the Next year may tell a different story, as Godolphin plans to have 100 horses, including wait can be worthwhile.

obliged. Happy days. You cannot construct good

bets. Phil Bull, the Timeform guru used to say. You have to wait for them to come along. Well, last week they arrived in plenty - and all on the same card. The waiting was over.

Underpinning the anticlpated massive pay-out was a horse who made a big mistake on her debut as a two-year-old last year — she won at Newmarket. As a result, the handicapper clobbered My Mariam, giving her a stone more than her ability justified. Despite running her heart out, she had no chance of winning again — until last Wednesday.

Just as important, she was now running over a mile and a quarter for the first time,

Counting the cost as non-runners ground gamble

have consulted m learned friend (Peregrine at the Wig And Fidget) and he has suggested the correct wording for the writ. It would seek damages of £76,650 to compensate for loss of winnings, and be served upon Frankie Dettori, Pat Eddery

name but three. Let me start at the beginning. Once or twice a year, your correspondent diverts from his normal, rather boring practice of single win bets on horses and attempts to emulate the master punter. Jack Ramsden. This involves going for a serious touch by combining a number of fan-cies in doubles, trebles and other forms of "exotics" - as our punting friends on the other side of the Atlantic call such bets.

and Walter Swinburn - to

The circumstances for such nvestments are demanding. The horses involved must be on offer at decent prices nothing shorter than 5-1 and there must be total conviction they will win. Not sur-

The memory of Rambo's Hall, 28-1 on the morning of his first Cambridgeshire victory, linked up with an Oliver Sherwood chaser lingers on. And then there was Magnet Cup day at York a few years back, when four out of five horses in combination bets

After three disappointing runs over seven furlongs, the bandicapper had realised the error of his ways and dropped My Mariam in the weights. which her breeding suggests would be perfect. She also had

soft ground, ideal for a filly by

When the bookmakers offered their prices at 10am. Ladbrokes, William Hill and the Tote went 25-1. Coral offered 33-1. And so the bet of the year was placed. My Mariam, combined with Air Wing (20-1), a running-intoform sprinter, getting soft ground for the first time since winning at Sandown last year, and Fine Times (8-1). The last-named had also shown his best form on soft ground. By 10.30am, My Mariam

had been slashed to 10-1 as the gamble gathered pace. Air Wing's connections had never been more bullish, and I was already calculating the winnings. Defeat is not a possibility. I mused, driving to Newmarket.

#### RICHARD EVANS



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Winds.

Unfortunately. I was right. After the first race on Wednesday's card at Haydock, the jockeys decided en masse to down tools because, unlike the stewards, they decided the ground was unsafe. I now know how a batsmen on 99 **Elaminers** 

Yet, despite the gamble being sunk, my sympathy rests with the jockeys in-volved. Indeed, when the report of the Haydock stewards arrives at Portman Square and confirms that the jockeys were being requested to race on ground around the bend which the clerk of the course described as being very bad, I hope the disciplinary committee will take firm action — and fine and suspend the stewards

# ASATURDAY STRESUUTS AT E

#### Newmarket

Going: good Starg, goods 1.45 (im) 1, Hawkeley Hill (K Pallon, 11-2 lay); 2, High Premann (10-1); 3, Arthal Dens (20-1); 4, Impulsive Air (20-1), 27 ran 1 Hil, 11, Aire J Remsdan, Tota: 95.80; 21.90, 22.20, 65.60, 64.20, DF: 620.50, Tric. 2260.90 CSF: 558.00, Tricast: 5996 64. 2.30 (7f) 1, Crimeron Tide (M Hills, 9-4 ji-fan); 2, Dánetirne (7-2); 3, Generous Libra (13-2), Bintang Timor 9-4 ji-fan, 6 ran, 11, 2M J Hills Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £2.00, DF: £5.20 CSF: £9.57.

25 20 CSF: £9 57.

3.00 (2m 2) 1, Inchcallech (R Firench, 20-1); 2, En Vacances (60-1); 3, Canon Cen (9-2 8-tay); 4, Floating Line (20-1), Juyush 9-2 It-lev 26 rain Nit, mt. J King, Tote: £21.00; £3.00, £7.20, £2.20, £4.30. DF: £422.80, Tric: £1.778.10, CSF: £963.50 Tricast: £4,760.16 After a stewards inquiry, the result stood.

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25-1): 2, Lago Di Varano (16-1); 3, Swynford Dream (20-1); 4, Portelet (25-1).

Roishto 9-2 law 22 ran NR. Mad For The Hills %1, hd C Wall. Tole: £50.70; £12.10, £4 70. £5.10, £5 80. DF: £738.90 Tho: £20.78.79 CSF: £386.24. Thoust: £7,335.56

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, Boars Sham (Pet Eddery, 9-4); 2, Halling (Evens lav); 3, Timands (15-2) 6 ran. 2%, 1L H Cecil Tote (3.10; £1.50, £1.50 DF; £2.30 CSF; £4.56.

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5.20 (7) 1. Mezzanotte (I. Detton, 11-1): 2. Warming Trends (9-2 fav), 3. Amber Fori (16-1): 4. Wild Rice (14-1) 22 ran NK, sh hd L Curnani. Tote: £(2.80: £2.20, £2.00, £4.70, £3.50, DF £30.30. The £183.60 CSF £63.57 Tincast £794.65 Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,794,97 carried lorward to Pontelract today), Placepot: £1,295,20. Quadpot: £155,80. Kempton Park Going: good to furn

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5.00 (2m 5/ hdlo) 1. Fired Earth (J Osborne, 6-1): 2. Call My Guest (15-6 lev) 3. Gruss A Call (12-1) 5 ran 10(, 8) J Fanshave Tole 65 10, 5) 70, 61 30 DF. 66,80 CSF. £16 99 Placepot: £71.70. Quadpot: £10.40.

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Catterick Bridge 2.05 1, La Doice Vite (33-1); 2, Hyde Park (13-8 4sv); 3, Hejat (7-2). 14 ran. 2.40 1, Dana Point (11-1), 2, Cross 7 (20-1); 3, Break The Ruiss (8-11 lav), 17

Tan.
3.15 1, Abstone Queen (16-1); 2, Gpsy Princess (9-2 lav); 3, Zorba (9-1), 15 ran NR- Rum Lad.
3.50 1, Falecagete Touch (6-1); 2, Pride Of Bindon (7-1 §-1av); 3, Spender (14-1); 4, Six Cottage (20-1), Insider Trader 7-1 §-1av 20 ran. 4.25 1, Los Alemos (7-1): 2, Mass Prism (16-2); 3. Silvreite (4-1). Chédran's Choice 3-1 lav 12 ran.

4.55 1, Swift (5-1); 2, Keen To Please (7-4 R-lev), 3, Enchantics (7-4 R-lev), 5 ran, NR: Marylebone. 5.30 1, Allineon's Mate (16-1), 2, Szackstrack (20-1), 3, Utmost Zeal (10-1); 4, Naughty Pietol (9-1). Misrule 9-2 lav. 20 ran

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2.00 1, flengar (100-30); 2, Teacher (5-1); 3, Side Of Hill (7-4 fav), 7 ren. (6-1) 6 ran 3.05 1, Merble Man (2-1 lav); 2, Adametic (11-4), 3, Amber Holly (14-1), 14 ran, NR-Regal Domain 3.40 1, Bas De Laine (7-2); 2, Rocket Run 16-4 lav) Only two finished, 4 ran 4.10 1 Torn Brodie (9-2), 2, Nonios (3-1), 3, Eden Dancer (3-1) Field Of Vision 5-2 lay 5 ran

Stratford

2.25 1. Simone's Son (10-1), 2, Pair Jacks (13-8 tav), 3. Zingibar (7-2), 7 Jacks (13-8 tav), 3. Zingibar (7-2), 7 Jacks (13-1 Jacks), 13-1 Jacks (13-1 Jacks), 13-1 Jacks (13-1 Jacks), 3. Renger Stoane (20-1), 18

3.25 1, Eastern Magic (20-1), 2, Stately Home (7-2) 3, Normern Optimist (6-1), Newtands-General 11-4 lay 7 ran. 4.00 1. Make A Stand (5-4 lav) 2. Bartord Sovereign (5-1): 3, Reeganesque (7-1). 7 4.35 1, Larry's Lord (11-4), 2, Garrylough (9-4 lav) 3 Certain Angle (5-1) 6 ran.

5.05 1. Tarris Bridge (12-1), 2, Inner Temple (14-1): 3, Mr Strong Gale (9-2) Minor Key 3-1 fav, 16 ran NP: MBly La Moon 5,40 1, Iron N Gold (11-2); 2, Samba Sharply (5-2 lav); 3, Flying Fiddler (12-1), 15 ran

Wolverhampton 7.00 1. Ramsey Hope (40-1); 2. Night Harmony (9-2); 3. Queens Check (12-1) Napler Star 5-2 lay, 13 ran 7-30 1. Burkes Memor (3-1): 2, Just Lout (16-1), 3. Robec Gif (11-1). Commander Jones 5-4 lav 12 ran NR Sandkatoon 8.00 1. Imposing Time (4-1) 2, Bold Street 110-1): 3. Wair The Beat (7-2 lav) 12 ran NR Mullagh Hill Lad

8.30 I. Grow Forum (11-4 lev), 2. Heighth OI Fame (13-2) 3. Troubadour Song (10-1) 12 ran 9.00 1. Borine Vitte (16-1): 2. Princess OI Héarts (6-4 lav), 3. Royal Routette (11-2) 12 ran NR Miss Si Kitts 9.30 1, Thai Morning (10-1): 2. Atistars Rocket (5-1), 3. Twm Creeks (7-1), 13 ran.



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3.45 North Reel 4,15 Arian Spirit

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 WOLLSTONECRAFT (nap), 3.15 Sunbeam Dance, 3.45 North Reef.

GOING, GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 WIOCKADALE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div I; 2-Y-0; £2,388; 6f) (15 runners)

XEY LARGO (M Tomplins) M Tomplins 8-8. BETTING: 4-1 Canandge Bed, Phylida, 7-1 Music Express, 8-1 Gablessa, Spanking Henry, 10-1 Key Large, Lock-Hum Lady, 12-1 others

1995: MSSSLE 8-7 M H/Hy (1-2 lav) W Hagges 15 ran

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BARLESSA 11 (Indi of 5 to Smallow Lead in resident suction at Chepsine (St., good to family. CAMESTORE; Skill, bit 2ed of 10 to transfer Jack in market auction at Notingham (St., good to saft). SPARQUING HARRY 46 (Sh. of 12 to Queen's Pag-cial in resident at Hersterk (St. and).

I residen auction at Musselburgh (71, good to self). PHYLIDA 7141 5th of 18 to Decoil in malden at Salisbury (71, good to soft LOCH-HURN LADY mack 2nd to Snap Crackle Pap at 8-numer residen auction at Haydock (54, good to

2.45 CHEP HANDICAP (£4,815: 5f) (18 runners)

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201 (17) 800681 SA8,0RMATE 9 (D.S.S.) (5 Bowing) 3 Bowing 5-10-0 ... D Nacknown 97

202 (1) 3-8022 WOLLSTONECRAFT 13 (Ns Rachel D S Hood) 4 Bosden 5-9-13 ... L Debton 90

203 (7) 1-2220 WOLLSTONECRAFT 13 (Ns Rachel D S Hood) 4 Bosden 5-9-13 ... L Debton 90

204 (8) 406322 FRENCH GRT 9 (D.F.) (Wilson) M Dods 4-9-10 ... C Tesque (3) 92

205 (9) 605110 CRETAN EST 9 (B.D.F.S) (T Clarko) M Librarden 5-9-9 ... T G MeLangridin 92

206 (2) 000140 SURFRISE MISSION 12 (D.F.G.) (D Bortherton) Mrs J Ramedea 4-9-4 K Fallon 93

207 (13) 254002 STLFFED 12 (D.F.) (E Moming Breakest) M W Easterly 4-9-4 ... C Parkin (5) 93

208 (6) 300205 SALLY SLADE 12 (D.F.G.) (R Compt C Cyste 4-9-4 ... M Broth 194

209 (6) 900505 SALLY SLADE 12 (D.F.G.) (R Compt C Cyste 4-9-4 ... M Broth 194

201 (14) 051206 BRECONGEL LAD 12 (D.F.G.) (P Compt C Cyste 4-9-4 ... M Broth 194

202 (16) 000040 SADDLEHOME 12 (C.D.B.F.G.) (W Street) T Barron 7-9-4 ... L Carroll 65

203 (16) 300020 CAPTAN CARAT 19 (CD.B.F.G.) (K Unswort) J Barron 7-9-2 ... L Carroll 65

204 (17) 300620 CAPTAN CARAT 19 (CD.B.F.G.) (K Webster) Mrs J Ramoden 5-0-13 J Fortuna 194

205 (12) 353233 NED'S BONANZA 19 (CD.B.F.G.) (K Webster) Mrs J Ramoden 5-0-13 J Fortuna 194

206 (13) 358000 MISTER JOEL 25 (D.F.G.) (F Jerrel) M Construct J Glover 5-0-4 ... (B Davided 194

207 (11) 105610 SOUPERFICIAL 12 (V.D.D.B.F.G.) (J Blown) J Glover 5-0-4 ... (B Davided 194

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205 (15) 1-40000 SOUPERFICIAL 12 (V.D.D.B.F.G.) (J Blown) J Glover 5-0-4 ... (B Davided 194

207 (17) 105610 SOUPERFICIAL 12 (V.D.D.B.F.G.) BETTING: 5-1 Franch Grid, 6-1 Wolfstomecraft, 7-1 Indian Relative, 8-1 Stuffed, Sacidiations, 10-1 Ned a Boresco, 12-1 others

1995: STATEUS 3-9-10 D McKeown (8-1) T Barron 16 run

INDIAN RELATIVE with 2nd of 21 to Con Chef in Indiana at Goodwood (61, good)

CHETAM SET Local Threath distribution in 25-hose re-bandings of Art (61, good) to farm) with RIDAN RELATIVE (4th bester of) 241 Tm.

SURPRISE MISSION local Core Savage (4th in 21-house broadcap at Chef of 165-1 10th 170 PGAL BEACH (5th bester of) 65-1 10th 170 PGAL BEACH (5th bester of)

3.15 TOTE SR.VER TANKARD STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-0: £12,929: 1m 4yd) (7 runners)

1995: WEET-A-MINUTE 9-0 K Fallon (4-1) A Holbestand & mr

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3.45 CLAYTON BIGLEY PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP

TIM 21 6yd) (19 rUniners)
403451 RWAL BID 8 (D.J.R.8) (20-20) Mrs N Nacaulay 8-9-18 (Sen) — C Tangue (2)
403451 RWAL BID 8 (D.J.R.6) (W Sturt) M Present 5-9-12 — G Dullinid
403-0 MAME OF DUR FATHER 182 (T Mornie) P Bowen 3-8-9 — P P Memphy (8)
125300 PMF RIDGE LAD 9 (F.S.) (Whatstarcellife Rusing) J Eye 9-9-4 — R Lappin
255200 CALDER KING 12 (B.C.F.S.) (D Curisord) J Eye 9-9-7 — T Williams
365144 GENERAL HAVEN 8 (8) (A Callard) T Naughton 3-9-7 — J Fortune
00000-0 IN EDOD FAITH 161 (C.F.S.) (R Dersord) J Down 4-9-8 — J Onlin
00-1340 SHAFFERAVES 9 (C.F.S.) (P Dersord) J Down 4-9-8 — J Onlin
0100 TOGROUNT 13 (S) (Consiste Partners) Lord Huntingdon 3-9-5 — M Roberts
500000 LE SPORT 9 (6) (Simple Technology) D Nobols, 3-9-3 — D Wilgot (3)
091200 MARADATA 18 (20.F.S.) (R Poleroisead) R Hodershand 4-9-3 — L Dettod
541645 ESSAYEFFSEE 13 (CD.F.S.) (Nr S Nauzzy) Mrs M Reveiley 7-9-3 S Copp (5)
100101 YOUR MOST WELCOME 13 (D.F.) D Bench Devs 8-9-1 — 8 Parkin (5) 

BETTRIG: 5-1 Mercur, 6-1 Rivel Bid. Your Most Welcome, 7-1 North Real, 8-1 Traighted, 10-1 others. 1989: CLER MAIN HAW S.-E-7 A College (SE-11 O Worder 17 cm)

FORM FOCUS RIVAL BID best Gittbox 114 in 17-numer handicap at Leicaster (im 21, good to firm) with GSIGRAL. HAVEN (6th hether oil) short-best and 114 4th NORTH REEF 31 6th oil 14 to Manue Bester in transfero at Redcap at Redcar (im 11, good to firm). INSTAL BREEZE best Talletin Bette 314 in NORTH REEF 31 6th oil 14 to Manue Bester (im good to firm). INSTAL BREEZE best Talletin Bette 314 in Northway at Manuel Archard heat in hundicap at Manuel Archard heat in hundicap at Manuel Archard heat in hundicap at Besteriey (1m 100yd, good to firm). Reduction: KRESTAL BREEZE.

4.11 5 BLUFF COVE HANDICAP (£3,548; 2m 1f 216yd) (20 runners) ### BLUFF COVE HANDICAP (£3,548: 2m 11 216yd) (20 runners)

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BETTING: 6-1 Alwans, 7-1 America, Losins, 8-1 Arian Sport, Onebourseven, 10-1 Sterlag Fellow, 12-1 others.

ARIAN SPRIT best Note: Notice 1/2 in 10-runner amateurs handscap at An (1m 77, good) LEPRONA 8% of the cl 19 is Great Tern in maxies at Napolicit (1m 61, good). ALWARCA best LOSTRIS (4th better off) 31 in 14-runner handscap base (2m 11 good) ANNARGE best ZELBA (6th better off) 11/41 Selection: AMMARGE

Annaba extends Gosden's run

ANNABA continued the terrific run of John Gosden when landing an easy victory under Frankie Dettori in the group two Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp yesterday. Shaken up early in the straight, the filly had no difficulty holding Poliglote by two lengths, giving Gosden his sixth French victory in two weeks. In the group one Prix de la Foret, the German horse, A Magicman, gained a near 23-1 success.

4.30 LYSANDER INSURANCE BROICERS LIMITED

# **FOLKESTONE**

1.30 Star Turn. 2.00 Rechullen, 2.30 Shontaine, 3.00 Quiet Arch. 3.30 Hangover Square. 4.00 Castles Burning. 4.30 Denbrae. 5.00 Ashover. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 130 HANGOVER SQUARE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW. 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.30 WESTENHANGER MADEN AUCTION STAKES (IDIV I: 2-Y-O 61 189yd: E2,964) (13)

1 3 645 DON SEBSTIAN 17 W Hoppes 3-10

2 670 6000 M R POLY 19 M Charmon 5-10

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5 (2) 6000 M R POLY 19 M Charmon 5-10

6 (9) 000 STAR INTER-SEL 18 Sheetan 8-10

8 (13) 6 FOR 18 M Hoppes 8-7

7 (7) 50 HANVARD 51 R Harmon 8-5

8 (13) 8 SHALSTANHOLY 42 G L More 8-5

9 (71) 05 STAR INTER-SEL 18 8-5

10 (6) 6 BORSHEL 13 A Hote 8-3

11 (1) STAR INTER-SE 14 MEASON 8-0

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11-4 Box Sebastian, 7-2 Star Turn 4-1 Nothol Fifty 5-1 Hanago, 6-1 others. 2.00 WESTENHANGER MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div II, 2-Y-O, 61 189yd, £2,936) (12) 1 (4) 5 GROSBOURG 13 J Dantey 3-10 T Spain 86
2 (1) 43 ROYAL BORR 13 (8) W Jave 3.7. 5 Danie 94
3 (9) 000 ALYAN'S ALESTY 44 (9) K Burk 8.5. J F Egan 4 (7) 001 JAVA BAY 2 M BERSLAT 8-5 K Cark 78
5 (5) 0033 SELECT CHOICE 25 A Javes 8-5 W Ryan 83
6 [2] 01 WE CORRES HEROTHS 20 M Februs 22-6 C Partiar RECHAULUR D Loder 8-2 D R MCCark 8 (10) RECHAULUR D LODER 8-2 D R MCCark 10 RECHAULUR D LODER 8-3 D R MCCark 10 RECHAULUR D LODER 8-3 D R MCCark 11 (3) 40 OMORROOM ROSE 61 B Smart 8-0 A Date (5) 90
11 (6) FORGET TO RESMEDIARE J Morre 7-12 N Variety (3) 12 (12) 2350 SUPER SCRAYELS 51 J Scrayb 7-12 D O'Stras 74
6-4 Rochaulon, 4-1 Gactourg, Koval Brow, 7-1 Select Choice 8-1 effects

6-4 Rochallor, 4-1 Gastages, Rayal Bare, 7-1 Select Charte, 8-1 others.

2.30 BRODENDEN SELLING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2.381: 6f 189vd) (16)

(16) 0000 SCATHEBURY 14 (8.D); 6) K Buste 9-5. G Carter 90 (12) 4410 CORROCKE QUEST 13 (F.G) M Charmon 9-0. R Peritant 94 (14) 4100 MSS CARDITIENE 7 (G) M Ryan 9-0. — A Clark 80 (4) 0445 OPERMES CHORUS 108 (G) D Michaels 9-0 D Harrison 84 (F) 0053 SKIDITANIE 30 (D); G) M Janachar 9-0. K Stad (7) 89 (20) SWEET AMORET 33 (G) P Hosting 9-0. R Cochrane 87 (C) 5600 APARTMENTS ABROAD 81 (V.G) K McAudite 8-9 J F Essa 

5-7 Cornetie Guest, 6-1 Stantiume, 7-1 Llysbest Mad 8-7 Opening Chorus, Mass Caratlene, 10-1 Scathetury, Timely Times, 12-1 opens, 3.00 SCHATUNOWSKI BROOKS HANDICAP (3-Y-O. £3,343. 1m 11 149yd) (15)

(3-Y-O. E.3,343. 1m 1/ 149yd) (15)

1 (11) 4532 QUET ARCH 11 (G) C Cyar 9-12 G Curter 93
2 (5) 5504 MANOSA 10 (F) 5 Dow 94
3 (17) 1300 GENHEROUS PRESENT 33 (F) 1 Payme 94 R Cochrane 93
4 (13) 0-50 SALLYS TWINS 112 J Mocre 9-3 JF Eyen 99
5 (7) 6508 AMEER ALFAYAAR 5 (B) R Auchrest 93. S Sanders 91
6 (B) 0000 RE PRESENENTE 19 G Enrigh 9-2 G Faultons (F) 94
7 (4) 6000 REMI FEVER 27 J Arbeither 9-1 R Price 88
8 (13) 0500 KORALONA 44 G Extra 9-13 S Downe 98
9 (15) 440 (HIMAN 37 C Berchard 8-13 M Wigham 93
10 (14) 0400 KORALONA 44 G Extra 9-13 S M Wigham 93
11 (10) 0405 MICHAO LADY 99 C MAYOR DIVES 8-12 M Ferbon 93
12 (7) -400 NOTE OF GALITION 47 N Grature 8-11 D Harrison 90
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14 (99) 0500 VERIOREA FRANCO 17 B Peace 8-11 S Davies 94
15 (6) 0000 NAWAJ 55 is 15x: 8-9 Care Office 92
5-2 Care Arch 5-1 Manota, 6-1 Moro Lady 3-1 Generous Present 8-1 America 5-2 Card Arch 5-7 Mercra, 6-1 More Lady 7-1 Generals Present 6-1 Ameri Albardi 18-1 Map 12-1 plans

Blinkered first time FOLKESTONE: 200 Amays Alight 230 Mystical Maid 300 Ameer Altayash, PONTEFRACT, 445 Halimark 3.30 CLIFF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0. £2,381: 5f) (13)

7-4 Hangover Square, 4-1 Unstation, 9-2 Marsast 7-1 Forcing Biol, 8-1 Radio Marsast 14-1 Goodbas Gaterman, Poter Perfect, 16-1 offers

4.00 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O £2,786 6f) (12) 3-1 Castles Burning 4-1 Meratry, 5-1 Le Shuttle, 6-1 The Four Lies, 7-1 Gold Edge 3-1 Bastle Ground, 10-1 Sharp Return 12-1 Mayslary, 16-1 Pethy Sally Suite Addition 20-1 offers.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRANSPRS: C Homan 6 senser; from 21 namers, 28 6%, P Chappie-Hyan, 3 from 12, 25 0%, D Arbuthand, J from 23, 24 1%, N California, 8 from 34 23 5%, M Prescoti, 12 from 52, 23 1%, J Papet, 5 from 25, 23 1%, V Ragges, 3 from 15, 20 0%; C Dayer, 3 from 17, 17 6%, M Johnston, 3 from 17, 17 6% JOCKEYS Date O'Nell, 9 witness from 47 rules, 19.1%, N Day, 3 from 16 18.8%, T Sprake 9 from 58, 15.5%, A Whelan, 6 from 45, 13.3%, G Carter 9 from 70, 12.9%, S Sanders, 9 from 74, 12.2%, D Beyzs, 9 from 60, 10.8%

STARES (£3,343: 61) (16)

1 (16) 1005 DESERAE 30 (D,F,G) D Murray Smell 4-9-1 D Herrison
2 (6) 0120 MERPINE LE BOW 27 (D,F) pal Machell 4-9-1
3 (14) 6020 MERPINE LE BOW 27 (D,F) pal Machell 4-9-1
3 (14) 6020 MERPINE LE BOW 27 (D,F) pal Machell 4-9-1
4 (7) 0-50 ABSOLUTE MASSC 30 (D,F,S) W Hopps 5-9-7 N Variey (3) 89
5 (11) 4050 SE WARRED 72 (D,F,G) N Calagian 5-8-12. W Ryan
90
6 (2) 4101 DEEPLY VALE 108 (D,F,G) N Hayon 5-8-12 S Withhearth
7 (13) 5-28 EFRA 149 (CD,F,S) R Hanson 7-8-12 S Withhearth
8 (19) USQ2 PMBMA SLIK 24 (D,F,G) N Reps 5-8-12. Dans O'Heill
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9 (1) 4500 PMBPLE PLING 15 (D,F,G) N LOSS 5-8-12. N Contraine
10 (4) 0050 SHARP N SMART 41 (D,F,G) B Small 4-9-12. M Tebbust
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11 (15) 4-00 ERUFT 15 (M,D,S) G Balding 3-8-11. S Downton 97
12 (8) 3500 FRESH FRAIT DARLY 27 P Kelleway 4-5-9 D R McClabe 89
13 124 4400 AZWARD 5-P Waldyn 3-8-8. T Sprafes
14 (9) 0330 ITSINTHERIOST 30 (D,G) V Some 3-8-8 A MeSigne 99
15 (5) 0056 LITTLE MOGORS 14 (D,F,S) C Device 3-8-8 A MeSigne 99
15 (5) 0056 LITTLE MOGORS 14 (D,F,S) C Device 3-8-8 A MeSigne 99
15 (10) LITTLE MOGORS 14 (D,F,S) C Device 3-8-8 A MeSigne 99
16 (12) -045 MARPSTAX 17 (C,G) P Maker 3-8-8 S Sanders 97
19 Narchas, 7-1 Marrie Le Box, Be Warned, B-1 Absolute Mayer. Drz. Prinz SWI, 10-1 Purplix Plang, 12-1 others 5.00 LEEDS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 4f) (18) (2.2.07.0. 1111 41) (10)

1 (15) 5000 JOLTO 16 (F.G.S.) K McAshitz 7-(1-7 ... Miss J Alison 90

2 (13) 700- SANUGGLER'S POINT 16SU (F) Bridge 6-(1-4 )

3 (1) 404- KAORH 332 (G) J Bookey 5-(1-4 ) Miss S Bookey (3) (3) (3) 0035 STALLED 16 (0.8F.F.G.S.) P Washing 6-(1-1) Miss S Bookey (3) (4) (3) 0035 STALLED 16 (0.8F.F.G.S.) P Washing 6-(1-1) 5 (18) 000 PRESTIGE LASS 122 8 Cmpt 3-11-1 Mex V Marshall (5) 82 (10) S351 HOWOLIA RIVER 14 (0,6) P Chapple Hyan 4-11-0 7 (12) 0013 EVIDENCE IN CHIEF 4 (V,D,F) D Elswarth 3-11-0 7 (12) 0013 EVIDENCE ON CHEEF 4 (V.D.F.) D. Elsworth 3-11-0
8 (6) 0036 ASHOVER 11 (D.F.G.S.) I Barron 6-10-13
9 111) 3600 TRRA-LIBRA 27 C Britan 4-10-12 V Lustaniot (5) 910 (16) 3466 FLASH IN THE PAN 133 J Moore 3-10-12 Mrs 5 Moore (5) 90
11 (17) 0405 SWINEP COMMAND 30 P Eccles 3-18-11 R Thornton 91
12 (7) 0000 SURBECHMUL SPECAL 18 (F) Mrs F Darbeid 5-10-9
13 (9) 3635 SPPEAD THE WORD 19 (V) L Colorel 4-10-4 L Lattout (5) 95
14 (8) 5000 FLANDRA 149 R Alchard 4-10-7 T McCantry 89
15 (9) 2374 STRAT'S LEBANY 14 (D.F.Q.) D Advation 9-10-6
Mrs 10 Artistand 92
16 (14) 050 PRIVATE PERCHAL 17 J Paulino 3-10-4 Mrs C Poulton (7) —
17 (2) 2505 HATTA SJRSHWE 25 (5) A Moore 6-10-4 Mrs J Moore (5) 93
18 (4) 2351 MOTHING DORES 18 (D.G.S.) W Massay 7-10-1 R Wikidey (3) 95
4-1 Hompus River, 5-1 Nothing Pounc, 6-1 Evidence in Cities, 7-1 Sallod, Ashoviar, 8-1 Banda, 10-1 others.

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**ATHLETICS** 

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Road running NORTH-IMBRIA Six mão road rates: Men 1 T Manay (Spango) 28mm 325ca 2 D Barnaska (Mandale) 28 51 3 5 8 60 (Chesier-le-Street) 29 11 Women 1 L Harding (Houghton 33mm 34cc, 2 A Dake (Mandale) 34 01 3 1 Incompan (Percayo) 34:42

Cross country Brocked Park 1, L Matthews Thamber Hare and Houndst 23men 505ac 2 M hattoe (Belgrave) 24 06, 3 M Sampcor (Hounsson) 2406 Teams Borough of Hounsson 2406 Teams Borough of Hounsson (Dorlung) and Mole Valley 31 44 Teams Memopotian Police. Third division (Edicard Police) 1, 3 Election 20 07. Teams Dulwich Hunners 23 07. Teams Dulwich Hunners REGATE. Surrey Women's Learning 21 REGATE. Surrey Women's League 13 milest. 1. J Midsholl (Coydon) 15mm 54pc; 2, 5 foung (Dorking and Mole Valley) 16:33 3. A Party-Wood (South London Harrers, 16:50 Team (first division). Herne Hill (second division). Technolly.

SWANSEA Gwent Lague Men: 1 M.Co. (Cay of Bath) 34mm 35sec 2, A Jones (Cantil) 34 39; 3, M. Rush (Beleford 36 21 Team. Beleford Women: 1 A Man (Newport) 23.28 2, 8 Boylan (Cardin 23 6 3, A Styles (Westbury) 24 13 Team Les Croupiers ASHFORD: Kent League (4.5 mies) 1 B Roydon (Medws) 22mn 42sec, 2 N Francis (Cambridge Harners) 22.55 3 M Limbourne (Medwsy) 22.63 Team

Francis (Cambridge Harners) 22 55 3 M Limbourne (Medway) 22 (3) Team Modway BOURNEMOUTH; Southern Women's Leaguer 1, A Whitcombe (Parksod Harnow) 18mm 48soc; 2 E Tabor (Beofrard 19 07, 3 C Home (Crawfoy) 19 39 4 H Yothing (Hourstow) 19 54 5, C Thomas (Peter-borough) 20 94 6 H Grimshay (Hourstow) 50 27 Parkside Harnow 91 3, Highgade 134 WALLSEND: North Eastern Harner League, Men: 1, D Bonnster (Mandale, 27mm 00csc; 2, Flydig (Sunderland; 27 ± ) 3 P Cushn (Sunderland; 27 ± 1) Team Sunderland Women: 1, D Hornashan Marpeth) 20 02 2, A Duler Mikmalale, 2006; 3 S Griftins (Cramingran) 20/26 Team: Houghton and Peterleo WELWYN GARDEN CTY, Metropoikan WELWYN GARDEN CITY. Metropolitan League, 1 C Addison (Highgate: 29nv 21sec 2 N Ovington (Tramos Valley Hamers) 29:30 3, S Sharp (Hidingdon) 29:32 Team: Woodford Green Livinos Ton: Scottish East District Lisague, I. K. Chapman (Mazino) 28mm 07sos; 2. J. Robson (Mazino) 28 13, 3, P. O'sceto (Edinburgh University) 28-24 Team: Mazino PORRIES, Scottash North District Langue: Men: 1, A Reid (Peterhead) 3 Irryn 43sec; 2, J Brooks (Locksber) 31 48, 3, R Arbuckle

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JOHANNESBURG: International Boxing Federation Bightweight champlonship: Prätig Holdery (SA, holder) bt Joel Duz (Mox) pt; CAIRO: Professional light-hemynneight bout; Chris, Eubanh, (GB) bt List Berners (Alg) bo Sti. bout: Chr.c. Eubank. (GB) bt Luis Berrins (Argi ko Sth. BRISTOL: World Bosing Organisation inter-continental super-middleweight champlorathip (vecani) Death France (Bristol) bi Rolando Torres (Mex) no 4th. BANGROK: World Bosing Council light-flyweight championship: Sumam Bor Jaitrong (Thu, holder) bi Ally Galvoz (Chfe) ko 2nd

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SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP. Final: Second leg: Poterborough 54 Wolverhampton 42 Wolverhampton win 100-92 on agg

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TENNIS

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HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division; Cannock 3 Hounslow 1; East Grinstead 3 Havani 0; Guildlord 4 Teddington 5; Olid Loughtonians 6 Surbton 1, Reading 5 Barriord Tigers 2; Southgale 2 Canterbury 1

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Doncaster 4 Warrington 1, Edgbaston 1
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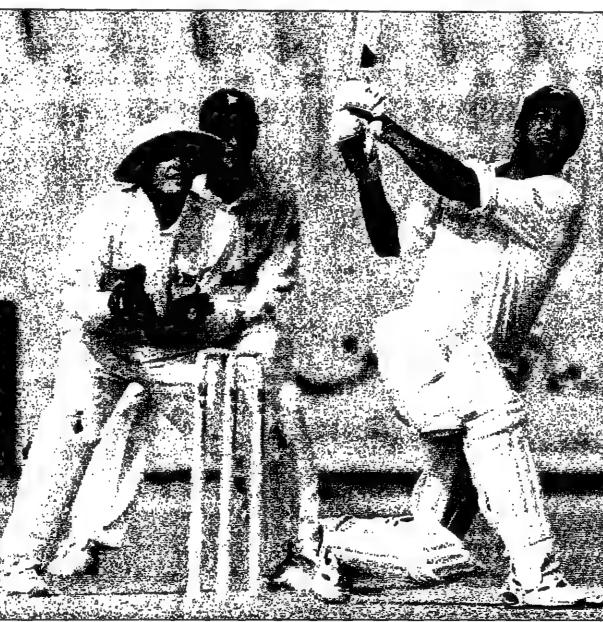
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ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishop's Stortlord 3 Sucbury 4, Cambridge City 3 Cambridge Univerelty 2, Colchealer 5 Recibridge 0; (powich 4 Chelmeilord 1; Peterborough-Town 6 Dereham 0, Premier division B: Bediard Town 1 Lutan Town 2: Cleation 4 Huntingdon 0; Narwich City 4 Romiand 3; Old Southenden 3 josewich and Earl Sulfolk 0 Postponed: Bury St Edmunds v Westclitt SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Grange 4 Torbex

Wanderers 2, Insights Menzieshill 2 Inverteith 2, Mrm 2 Gordonkans 1; Watsorians 1 Clbs Kalbourne 3, Wast-em Grasshopper 10 Edinburgh Univer-sity 0 PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Women's World Cup: Preliminary round: Group A: Italy 1 South Africa 1; Scodend 1 India 2: South Africa 4 Jamaica 0, Trinidad and Tobago 1 Italy 1. Group B: New Zeeland 5 Belgium 1; Japan 2 France 0; Czech Republic 3 Cubs 0

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England training squad 2 Stough 1 WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Allenie 1 Fosom 1. Bedford 2 Peletrorough 2; Havant 0 Bournemouth 4, Horsham 2 Berleyheath 5, Latchworth 0 Weavyn Garden City 2, Old Loughtonaris 3 Harleston Magpies 1, Portishead 0 Yale 1, Surbition 5 Hounslow 1;

WELSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Colveyn Bay 0 Swansea 5, Pontypnood 1 Pen-arin 2.



Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, smites one of 12 sixes in his innings of 257 not out against Zimbabwe in Sheikhupura. Zimbabwe are 140 runs behind with nine second-innings wickets in hand. Report, page 27

GOLF

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MICHAEL CLARK

# Weaker markets take heavy toll at ICI

main markets means that thirdquarter figures on Thursday are likely to make grim reading. NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting a drop in pre-tax profits from £758 million to £495

The broker says that while every effort is being made by the group to reduce costs through increased efficiency and to realise the benefits of its drive to improve margins, any gains are being eroded by the collapse in profitability in markets such as titani-um dioxide and polyester.

With this in mind, it now seems that most forecasts for the full year are looking a touch on the high side and that a further round of profit downgradings by brokers may follow Thursday's result. At present, NatWest is looking for £635 million for the year, way below the number achieved during the first nine months of 1995.

Recovery in Europe and the prospect of stronger growth in the Far East should benefit the group during the medium term. But the main problem facing ICI continues to be oversupply in a number of main markets. This means that pricing of its products becomes crucial Unfortunately there is little scope for improvement in this area for some time. Other markets, such as polyurethanes, have held up well but may also face a problem with oversupply

next year.

But it is not all gloom and doom for Sir Ronald Hampel. ICI's chairman. Speciality chemicals remain strong, while paints and materials have benefited from a pick-up in demand and an easing of raw material costs. Costs savings this year are likely to reach £150 million.

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: By contrast, third-quarter figures from SmithKline Beecham tomorrow should impress the City, with further solid performances by the group's stable of tried and treatments, including Paxil. Kytril, Havrix, and Famvir.

The City seems to have few doubts that the group will be able to match brokers' expectations, with the consensus seeming to suggest a 19 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £370 million. Earnings per share are expected to grow by nearly 12 per cent to almost 9p.

The group should now be starting to reap the real benefits of the acquisition of DPS, its US pharmacy business, and we may hear that augmentin has begun to enjoy a new lease of life.

#### SURPLAYTES

The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Cosalt, Saleway. The Sunday Times: Buy Rank, Safe-land; Hold Eidos. The Observer: Buy Racal Electronics. Independent on Sunday: Buy PolyMasc; Avoid Al-bert Fisher, Burn Stewart.

returns that other companies in the building supplies industry can only envy. But tomorrow's full-year figures may provide sceptics with the ammunition to suggest that the bubble may be about to burst.

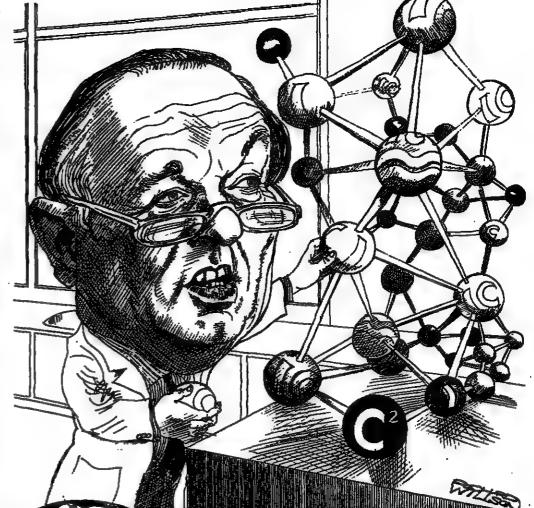
The building industry has had a tough time of it during the past couple of years, although Wolsekey has produced a better rate of return than many of its peers.

Even so, pre-tax profits are expected to be down about £4.5 million at £241 million, a fall of 2 per cent, with earnings almost lp ower at 28.9p. In spite of this there should be scope for an increase in the net dividend of 7 per cent at 10.5p.

As the recovery in the building industry continues, Wolseley is already achieving operating margins of 9 per cent. which means further progress may be limited.

There is still scope to improve earnings with the help of Builder Centre in this country and Familiam Corporation in the US, but without the help of acquisitions it is likely to be less spectacular than has previously

Wolseley continues to derive up to 45 per cent of its profits from the US and with the risk of a slowdown there, brokers feel the company may need to make a substantial acquisition in Europe to take up the slack. With gearing as low as 10 per cent, there is clearly scope for



Oversupply in main markets is the problem for Sir Ronald Hampel at ICI

#### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

# GDP data could point to monetary tightening

figures and a British Chambers of Commerce survey last week sug-gesting that the economy is accelerating and the next monthly monetary meeting scheduled for October 30, this week's economic evidence will be closely watched.

The first point of interest comes tomorrow with the Confederation of British Industry's quarterly and monthly trends surveys. If the CBI tells a similar story to the Chambers survey, it should show considerable firmness in business. On Wednesday, retail sales figures for September are due. The latest retail sales monitor from the British Retail Consortium suggested that sales growth has slowed a little and.

market forecasts compiled by MMS International, sales are expected to have dipped 0.1 per cent in September after rising I per cent in August. This would take year-on-year growth down to 3.9 per centfrom the 4.4 per cent recorded in August.

Probably the most impor-

taunt figure of the week comes on Friday with preliminary figures for third quarter gross domestic product. The consensus forecast from MMS International is looking for growth in the quarter of 0.8 per cent, a considerable acceleration from the 0.5 per cent posted in the second quarter. This would boost year-on-year growth to 24 from 22.

The Chancellor has been using sub-trend growth as a key justification for refusing to

usually regarded to be about 2.25 to 2.5 per cent so a yearon-year rate of 24 per cent would tend to strengthen the Bank of England's arguments for a small tightening of monetary policy. However, the Chancellor can point to sterling's strength which, in itself,

is a monetary tightening Also on Friday, August global visible trade figures are published and are predicted to show a deficit of £1 billion, compared with a shortfall of £1.22 billion recorded in July, September figures for trade with countries outside the European Union are expected to show a deficit of £500 million, virtually unchanged from August's £499 million.

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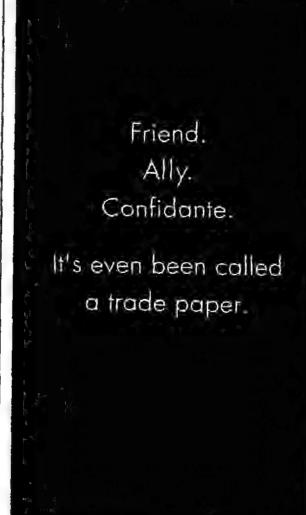
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# Maghreb pipeline ready to turn on the gas

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A \$3.5 billion pipeline, designed to bring Algerian natural gas to European homes and industries, and experied to supply up to 10 per cent of the Continent's gas needs by 2000, is set to become operational next month.

With an initial annual capacity of 8,000 million cubic metres, the 2,500kilometre pipeline will connect Europe to the gas deposits of Hassi R'Mel in the Algerian Sahara, one of

months ending June.

shows a slight decline year on

year, with pay awards running at 3.3 per cent for the

three months to September 30,

The figures, which are is-

sued every two months, are

pay trends and will also ease

They contrast somewhat

Discovery

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By OUR CITY STAFF

DISCOVERY INNS. the

independent pub owner and operator that is head-

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nounced a rise in pre-tax

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The company also an-

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former chairman of

French Connection, the

fashion company, was named non-executive di-

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also joining the board as a

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the world's largest gasfields. The pipeline runs overland through Morocco to the port of Tangier. From there, the gas will flow through pipes laid on the seabed of the Strait of Gibraltar to Cordoba, in southern Spain, and then to Portugal. An extension from Portugal to Galicia, in northern Spain, is expected to be completed by June 1997. By 2000.

links with France and Germany are expected to be in service. The pipeline, completed in two years, has been built jointly by Gas

Natural Enagas, the Spanish gas utility, Sonatrach, Algeria's stateowned oil and gas company, and SNPP, of Morocco. The project received a \$1 billion subsidy from the European Union and Natural Enagas secured \$200 million of preferential credit from the European Investment Bank.

The strategic significance of the Eura-Maghreb pipeline should not be underestimated; by 2000, it should be supplying Europe with 20,000 million cubic metres of gas per natural gas consumed in the European Union is imported. That figure is set to double by 2015. With no sign of an end to instability in the states of the former Soviet Union, which boast 80 per cent of the world's known gas reserves. Europe needs to find other sources of supply, especially as a fifth of all energy consumed in the European Union is gas-based.

Algeria, in the grip of a battle between a hardline Government and Islamic fundamentalists, is hardly a

European Union's strategic planners hope that the pipeline, and the revenue it will bring to the impoverished country, will act as a steadvine influence, integrating an important part of the Maghreb into the European economy. Besides, the cost of importing piped gas from Algeria is so much lower than that of the Urals that a calculated risk is thought to be well worth taking.

Domination in pipeline, page 46



Henny Essenberg, left, and Eric Burgoyne, KLM's UK and Ireland general manager, are planning 40 cheaper destinations

# KLM steps up UK fares dogfight

THE fierce price war in Europe's skyways is set to intensify as KLM Royal Dutch Airways launches discount fares from 16 UK airports.

for the three months to June and 3.2 per cent in the three months to September last Manufacturing companies told the CBI that by the end of

EXETER

the third quarter of this year their productivity had risen by a provisional 4.8 per cent in the past 12 months, while the expected increase in produc-tivity for the next 12 months was 5.2 per cent. This compares with 4.5 per cent and 4.9 per cent respectively for the second quarter and 4.3 per

three months to July 3! -

when pay awards dipped to

the survey that price pressures

on their goods along with low

inflation were exercising con-

straint on pay settlements. Today's CBI figures show

that pay awards for the service

sector have stabilised this

the three months to September

compared with the same rate

They ran at 3.6 per cent in

Then manufacturers told

first quarter. ☐ Many local government workers are having to claim benefits and are turning to debt counsellors because of low pay and poor prospects, according to a survey by the Low Pay Unit commissioned by Unison, the country's larg-

est union. The survey found that half a million workers in local government carned less than £4.26 per hour; one in ten was on social security benefits other than child benefit or a pension; almost a fifth had financial problems and one in

12 had sought advice over erset, was formed in 1992 through the purchase of debt. One in four said they were 223 tenanted pubs from expected to work unpaid over-Whitbread, the brewer, It now has 234 tenanted time. The report covers 1.6 premises and 45 managed million full-time and part-time pubs in England and manual and non-manual local government employees exsouth Wales. cluding teachers.

Exeter to unveil

BY NOEL FUNG

Investment unit trusts operated by Exeter plit-level invest- Fund Managers. Sinclair

KLM and Air UK, its British partner headed by Henny Essenberg, chairman, will today announce cut-price November fares to more than 40 European destinations aimed at boosting their share of the

Group, the split-level invest-

ment trust specialist, will today unveil plans for a

share listing on the Alterna-

tive Investment Market that

will value the company at

million of fresh capital for the investment group,

whose funds under manage-

ment have trebled in the

past five years to £388

Founded in 1986 by Ian

Henderson, the present

chief executive, the com-

pany has three principal

subsidiaries. Exeter Asset

Management acts as invest-

ment manager for four

quoted investment trusts

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The listing will bring in £1

up to £10 million.

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short-haul flights market. Up to £200 will be cut from the cheapest alternative. Although aimed at the pre-

Christmas short-break leisure traveller, the November seat sale is the first step in a campaign to lift its share of the 374 million intra-European air passenger market to 15 per cent from a current 8 per cent by the end of the century. An

Henderson, the third arm.

provides company secretarial

and administration services

in the year to the end of

September the company

earned pre-tax profits of

E827.320, up from £496,000

Mr Henderson will control.

Funds raised from the

share issue will be used to

expand Exeter Investment

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The company is also study-

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expansion of the European fleet is already under way, including the addition of nine Boeing 737s at a cost of \$300 million. Two will be purchased from Boeing, with the remainder coming from Air UK, increasing the fleet of 737s 36. KLM Cityhopper. KLM's regional subsidiary, is selling six Pokker 100s to Air UK as part of a move to standardise its fleet. "Euroff" promotion fares include £69 from London to Amsterdam, £96 return from London or Birmingham (via Amsterdam) to Cologne, and £99 to Copenhagen and Madrid and £109 to Berlin, all claiming to undercut British Airways, plus £379 return to Moscow from Aberdeen, Edinburgh,

# Tax tussle could AIM listing plan | reach High Court

By Marianne Curphey

A 12-YEAR battle between Legal & General and the Inland Revenue over tax breaks for life insurance policyholders may end up in the

High Court. So far the insurance company has been unable to settle its dispute with the Revenue over hundreds of policies that were issued just before the benefit was scrapped in the

March, 1984, Budget. Both sides are now trying to negotiate a settlement, but Legal & General has acknowleged that the dispute over which policies qualified for tax relief might finally by

decided by the High Court. There was a huge demand for new life assurance policies in the months preceeding that Budget as speculation grew that tax relief at 174 per cent would be abolished for all new

When Nigel Lawson, who was then Chancellor, announced that this was the case and policies issued from March 14, 1984, would not qualify for relief, companies lost one of their most powerful

marketing tools. The point on which the Revenue and L&G differ is whether the paperwork for the policies was actually completed in time. Policyholders did not suffer because L&G, like other insurance companies, absorbed the cost of providing

relief for them. L&G declined to say how much compensation it would be looking for if its case were GILT-EDGED

# The maturity of the cycle means it's time to take profits

a good run over the past month, with yields on ten-year maturities falling from 8 per cent to the 7.5 per cent area. Crucial to favourable shift in sentiment towards US Treasuries, This followed a series of economic releases suggesting that the Federal Reserve will refrain from raising interest rates for the near term.

Gilts have also benefited from the buoyancy of sterling, the sheer weight of money reflecting heavy insti-tutional cash inflows and the positive convergence trend within Europe. The latter point has been particularly significant, with yields fall-ing dramatically in Italy, Spain and Sweden in the wake of the announcement of tough budgetary measures designed to meet the fiscal targets enshrined in the Maastricht treaty.

Nevertheless, we suspect that gilts have gone about as far as they are likely to go for the time being. Indeed, the risk is that over the next few months yields could climb back towards recent highs. But why the pessimism? Weil, for a start we still don't believe that the impact of the forthcoming

election should be overlooked. Historically there has been a tendency yields to rise in the run-up to general elections that Labour

Party is expected to win. Typically this has only happened in the final three or four months. Although a Blair-led government may well adopt rather more orthodox monetary and fiscal polithan its Labour essors, there is still predecessors, there is still likely to be an element of uncertainty until this is shown to be the case.

Perhaps even more relevant for the gilt market is the activity. Recent data indicates manufacturing output is still disappointingly weak, but the healthier trend in order books reflected in the CBI monthly report and the better tone to the purchasing managers' survey point to an upturn before very much longer. Meanwhile, other areas of the economy are continuing to strengthen. Growth, according to Consensus Economics, is expected to accelerate to 3.3 per cent in 1997, but a significant number of forecasters expect an outturn nearer to 4 per

This need not necessarily presage a build-up in price pressures, but the balance of probabilities points to some deterioration in the quiescent inflation picture. The news last week that underlying

worthy that the wage drift figure is still unusually low and could be expected to pick up as the economy gathers pace even if the level of wage settlements were to remain However, this latter pros-

pect looks increasingly unlikely. Unemployment continues to fall sharply, while the level of job vacancies is now only a little below the highs seen at previous cyclical peaks, Indeed, both the vacancy to unemployment ratio and number of days lost to strikes have jumped to 612-year highs. This does not, of course, mean a pay explosion is imminent. Skill shortages are still limited, and the latest CBI survey detects no pressure in labour costs or prices as yet. A stronger sterling will also help to bear down on prices. But it does suggest that the best of the inflation news is in the past.

A further factor that could weaken the gilt market is the reluctance on the part of Germany to allow either Italy or Spain to participate in EMU at its inception in

The comment

by Hans-Jürgen

Bundesbank

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The Government could surprise us all and announce it intends to take part in EMU

ceived by the high-yielding bond markets in Europe. If this view is adopted more explicitly by the Government of Chancellor Kohl, it could further undermine the convergence trend in continental yields. So what are the risks to this

cautious view? Well, the Government could surprise us all and announce that it intended to participate in EMU or make the Bank of England independent. Neither these developments are in our view remotely possible before the election, nor are they likely under a new Conservative administration for some time to come. With a Labour victory, it is questionable whether very much will change, certainly as regards to Europe. The other source of uncertainty is the US. We still believe that given the maturity of the economic cycle, the gently upward drift in pay settle-ments will persist, forcing the Treasury market back on to the defensive. This is of course a crucial assumption, but on this basis it is plainly right to take profits now on

MICHAEL LENHOFF AND SIMON RUBINSOHN Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management



How much tax do I take off a part-time bouncer?"

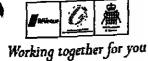
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# Directors may sue over Hollick group sackings

FOUR DIRECTORS sacked three weeks ago by Miller Freeman, the trade magazine arm of United News & Media. are considering taking legal action against the group run by Lord Hollick

The directors missed by Marshall Freeman. the San Franciscan who heads Miller Freeman, after a whirlwind visit to the operation's UK headquarters in Woolwich, south-east London.

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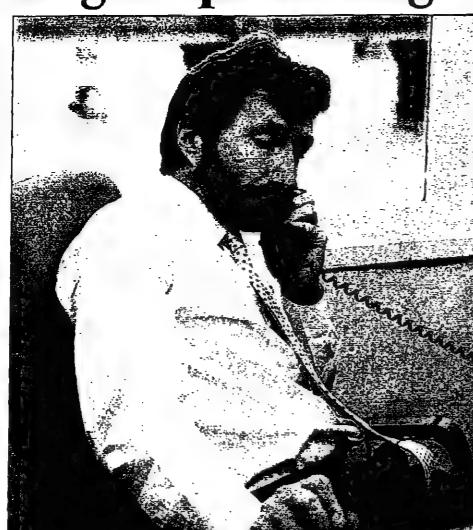
Mr Freeman, a main board director of United, arrived at Woolwich late last month and met three of the operation's divisional chiefs, Tony Arnold, Stan Arnold (no relation) and Roger Michael, as well as Alan Smith, the marketing director. All four were told that their services were no longer required.

The three divisional chiefs run more than half of Miller Freeman's UK businesses. and the four made up nearly half the company's board of directors. They were replaced on the board by the promotion of the human resources director and two other managers, and by the drafting in of Harry King, who had run Tolley, the legal publisher, before United sold it to Reed

Elsevier this year. The four sacked directors have not been offered compensation and are consulting lawyers. The company declined to comment on the issue because of the possibility of litigation.

Mr Freeman, who has since returned to San Francisco, was unavailable for comment.

The move came just days before United paid £590 million for Blenheim Group, the exhibitions operation, which has had its own management problems. Blenheim's business are expected to be inte-grated with Miller Freeman.



Shakeout follows Lord Hollick's appointment as chief executive of United News & Media

under the guiding hand of Mr

Freeman. Analysts have identified Miller Freeman as the part of United that needs to perform better after the merger with MAI Group. The most recent accounts show Miller Freeman making a pre-tax profit of just £4.6 million on turnover of more than £87 million. Many of the company's rivals make operating margins of

The shakeout at Miller Freeman is the latest development since Lord Hollick became chief executive of United News & Media. At Express Newspa-pers. Stephen Grabiner was

recruited as managing director from The Telegraph group. replacing Andrew Cameron. integration of the Daily Express and Sunday Express into Richard Addis as editor. The move led to redundancies at

#### Datacom denies tax evasion

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

NEWS Datacom Research an Israeli company that develops and sells encryption systems mainly for pay-television broadtions of tax evasion in

News Datacom issued a statement yesterday after the Israeli Income Tax Authority searched the company's offices in Jeru-salem. The authority also searched the premises of News Datacom Research's attorneys and auditors. News Datacom Re-

search is a wholly owned subsidiary of News Datacom UK, which, in turn, is a subsidiary of News International, owner of The Times.

In a statement, News Datacom Research said: The company has filed all required tax returns and paid all applicable taxes. It has complied with all applicable Israeli laws and regulations. The company has always co-operated in the past and will continue to co-operate with all relevant authorities in Israel."

News Datacom, which has more than 250 employees, said that the allegations of tax evasion "are entirely without merit". It also said that it had not received research grants that carry restrictions on technology transfer.

# Rank Xerox separation conditioned by X factor

WHAT price the X factor? This is the question exercising minds at The Rank Organisation, the leisure group, which tion to dispose of its 20 per cent stake in Rank Xerox, the copier-to-printer company.

The City thinks that the sale could net El billion. Others are not so sure. Whatever the price, the deal will herald a new era for Rank Xerox, which has been struggling to diversify into new products in the past six years.

The company will change its name to Xerox, ending a 40-year association with Rank,

and bringing it in line with its American parent. Attempts will continue to shift the company away from its tradinonal product, copiers, which today account for about 50 per cent of sales.

The move is part of a grand strategy by Bernard Fournier. 57, the Frenchman who became chief executive officer of Rank Xerox, based in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, in 1989. He reduced the headcount by 4,000 over three years, yet still succeeded in boosting morale. In 1991, staff satisfaction at Marlow was about 35 per cent, compared with a national average among UK employees of 57 per cent. Today, it has risen to 83 per cent, while the UK average has declined to 52

M Fournier has reorganised Rank Xerox into more than



7,000 self-managing groups -

so-called X teams, a play on Xerox and excellence. M Fournier said: "We discovered that the smaller companies in Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Portugal, Denmark, and so on, always delivered better results than the big ones. So we came to the concept of 'small is beautiful', and now, in the UK, France, Germany, Italy, the company is organised into small custome business units - groups with a maximum of 400 people. I will give some direction, but I will very rarely impose a decision. It is a matter, he says, of switching from management to leadership.

The result has been a steady

Rank Xerox spends £1,600 per as much as the average UK company. M Fournier believes so that he moved out of his office in June, and now sits around a table with three fellow executives. He says the system speeds up decision-

making.
Rank Xerox's structure has been transformed since M Fournier arrived. Half of group revenues today are from products that did not exist when he took office. Pre-tax profits recovered from a low of £197 million in 1992, to £616 million in 1995, on sales of £3.7 billion.

As debate on the timing of the Rank sale continues, M Fournier is intent on expandposes the greatest threat in the mainstay copier market, which has been flat in Western Europe.

In America, the sights are trained on Hewlett Packard, which claims up to 60 per cent of the market in mass-market printers. Rank Xerox speaks r 3 per cent.

New areas include laser printers, and colour copiers and printers. M Fournier says: "It is important that we develop and we succeed in penetrating new markets. As 50 per cent of our market is flattening, we need enormous growth to keep the company

#### ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

# Mixed fortunes for newcomers

Alternative Investment Market enjoyed mixed fortunes last week.

Fitness First, the health club group, made its debut midweek and on its first day jumped to a healthy 102p premium on its 80p placing price. It ended the week

unchanged at 90½p. Despite its association with Richard Branson, who holds a 10.6 per cent interest. Victory Corporation fell back from its 58p placing price to

placed at 100p, jumped to a 12p premium but closed at

106½p, below expectations. AIM companies announcing results last week included Alizyme, the biopharmaceuticals group, which reported losses of £65,000 for the first half. The group came to the market in July via a placing at 60p. Interest in Alizyme's longer term pros-

pects for drugs now being developed helped the shares to add 2p to 3912p last week. Prism Rail, the railway

365p on the week. It announced a £12.4 million rights issue to fund the acquisition of the South West and West Railway and Car-

> diff Railway. The offer is 11 shares for 26 and priced at 240p. Prism raised £8 million when it floated on AIM in May. Jardinerie Interiors pron ises a floral touch to AIM

when it makes its debut at the end of the month. The company, which rents, sells and maintains indoor

from its placing at 114p. The money will fund two acquisitions. Dealing is expected to start on October 31.

Magnum Power, which makes fail-safe back-up power supplies for computers, plans to switch to AIM from the Unlisted Securities Market as part of a refinancing package. Magnum is to raise £3.4 million through a placing of 18 million new shares at 20p. Its USM price rose 7p to 33 2p on Friday.

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FROM RACHEL BRIDGE

AUSTRALIA'S North West Shelf Project, in which BP has a one-sixth share, has moved towards realising its planned A\$6 billion (£3 billion) expansion by finally confirming that the project has sufficient reserves of gas to satisfy its eight key Japanese customers. The announcement ends 12

months of uncertainty about whether the project, off the west coast of Australia, could meet future demands of the Japanese or whether it needed to join forces with the rival Gorgon joint venture near by. Woodside Petroleum, oper-ator of the A\$12 billion Shelf

project, said: "Exploration and appraisal work has satisfied the joint venture partners that they have access to sufficlent gas reserves to underpin the expansion of the project."

The expansion, which will raise the capacity of produc-tion facilities from 7.5 million to 14.5 million tonnes a year. will be a turning point for the project, which has produced much lower rates of return than had been expected since it began production in 1989.

Expansion will involve building two onshore liquefied natural gas processing trains next to existing facilities in Western Australia and developing additional offshore production facilities and shipping, with costs shared equally between the six partners. Woodside has put a formal

proposal to the Japanese based on the new reserve estimates, indicating that the procubic feet of gas. Virtually all of the Shelf's current output goes to the eight Japanese gas and power utilities, which include Toyko Electric Power Company and Osaka Gas Company, and they are ex-pected to take the bulk of the future expanded output. Total export revenues from the project are expected to reach A\$3 billion this year, of which A\$2 billion will be from

liquefied natural gas. In the year to December 1995. Woodside made an operating profit of A\$140 million from the Shelf project. The Japanese are expected to sign a letter of intent next year, with a formal 20-year sales contract to be signed in 1998.

# Court threat to Deutsche Telekom flotation price

THE price range for Deutsche Telekom shares, to be announced today, will be significantly lower than the German phone group had hoped. The flotation is being overshad-owed by an EU court chall-enge in Brussels by six competitors over Deutsche's discount price scheme.

They are seeking a court order which would give Doutsche until the end of the month to allow effective competition

in Germany's wholesale phone market. This could affect the value of Deutsche. whose shares will begin trad-ing on November 18 in the largest European public offering of 1996. The German Government is

expected to reveal a price range of between DM23 and DM29 per share after a strongly worded report from Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank and its advisers, which rejected initial price estimates as unrealistic.

Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank, which are arranging the global listing from Germany, had recom-mended a price of up to DM30. But Goldman Sachs analysts in New York downgraded their estimates by at least 15 per cent because of the various threats to Deutsche's

future profitability.

One of these risks is the EU court challenge to the group's position in the local phone wholesale market and the separate calls for a disposal of its cable television network.

The German Post Ministry and Deutsche had failed to follow last summer's EU guidelines for allowing discount schemes without undermining competition, it is being Peter Bross, chief executive

of Mannesmann Eurokom. said the Post Ministry had neglected to award any licences for setting up alternacommunications

Deutsche is also being challenged to sell its network servicing the German cable television market.

Another risk facing poten-tial investors is that Deutsche is shouldering debts of over £40 billion. It expects to pay off pending on its profitability.

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Michael Makris, fund mar ager at Oppenheim Capital Investments, said: The fair value for us is around DM23 to DM24, but that's likely to be the lower end of the range. The initial offering price will prob-

ably be in the upper mid-20s."

Deutsche's share price is expected to surge at first because an incentive package for small investors will lead to almost certain oversubscription. As a result marty institutional investors who want to rebalance their exposure to Germany after this massive issue will be forced to go into the open market and pick up shares where they can.

There are fears, however, that the share price could fall back after the initial buying surge as concerns about the balance sheet take hold.

Investors will have from October 22 until November 14 to place orders for some of the 500 million shares listed in Frankfurt, New York and Tokyo. The final price for the

# People 'delude themselves' on pension prosperity

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

MORE than one in ten pensioners are in debt, and a gulf exists between the expectations of working people and the realities of retirement, according to a survey by Barclays Life.

The study of more than 2,500 people, one of the largest surveys of its kind undertaken in Britain, found that 12 per cent of pensioners are in debt. Of these, three quarters had managed to stay in credit during their working lives. Nearly 70 per cent of those questioned said that they felt

that they did not plan adequately for retirement. Eleven per cent of those in retirement who had taken holidays over-

seas while working found that they could no longer afford to do so, and a similar proportion said that they had had to give up going to restaurants. The study found that although people had high hopes of prosperity in retirement, few made provision to ensure financial security. Seventyseven per cent of people expect a standard of living equal to, or better than, that at the peak

of their working lives. How-ever, nearly half of those with a pension — 44 per cent — make personal monthly contributions of £50 or less. Nigel Waite, marketing director of Barclays Life, said:

People are simply deluding

nual wage in the UK is around £17,200. In order to maintain at least the equivalent value of this income post retirement taking state benefits into account - an individual must start a pension at 25, expect to retire at 65 and make monthly contributions of around £200. which would need to increase in line with national average carnings. Nearly 40 per cent of retired

people questioned by the study said they did not think about planning for retirement until after stopping work. One in three now lives on a pension of El00 or less a month on top of



are Paul Creasey, the managing director, seated in car, and Mike Standring, marketing director, left. From the back on right are Stuart Warriner (Price Waterhouse), Graham Paddy (IMG), Paul Oldham, of 3i which provided equity, and Adam Blackaby, IMG

# NatWest charges the rich

By Marianne Curphey

THE end of the era of free banking will come a step nearer this week when NatWest Bank unveils details of a new current account for which it will make a charge.

The bank has 6.5 million

personal customers and intends to target the wealthier ones with the new package. It is expected to offer a package of current account, free life cility and discounted medical insurance. It already offers a

free Primeline telephone banking service for customers earning over £20,000 and a Gold Plus service for people earning over £25,000 or with

assets of more than £150,000. for which there is an annual fee of £80. The new account. details of which will be announced on Wednesday, will be offered from November 5. A spokesman said: "We are

not changing our existing accounts but we are introducing one for which we will

make a charge. We are looking at the well-heeled element of our customer base." Barclays aiready has a cur-

rent account for which it charges. The service, known as Additions, was rolled out nationally last week. For a charge of £60 a year, customers receive free overdraft, life cover, and medical insurance. Midland Bank and Abbey

plans to make charges on

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#### Clarke 'to target alcopops'

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, may take the fizz out of the "alcopop" boom by doubling the duty on the fashionable new drinks in next month's Budget, according to a seam of City

The carbonated, fruitflavoured drinks have been criticised for encouraging youngsters to drink alcohol.

The UBS economists forecast that beer and wine duties would be raised broadly in line with inflation, currently running at 2.1 per cent. while the duty on spirits would rise at a

slightly lower rate.

Mr Clarke would cut Ip
off the standard rate of income tax, to take it down from 24p in the pound to 23p. as another step toeventual goal of 20p. according to the forecast.

#### Tory lead

Labour's claim to be the party of business suffered a blow with an opinion poll among small firms showing the Tories widen-ing their lead.

The survey, by the Small Business Research Centre at Kingston University for Office World, the stationery and office supplies stores group, gives the Tories a lead of 15.6 per cent among owners of small businesses, against a 9.7 per cent advantage in May. It shows 36.8 per cent supporting the Conserva-tives, with 21.2 per cent for Labour and II per cent the Lib Dems.

#### AIM listing

Beecheroft, a provider of retirement homes, is coming to the Alternative Investment Market, A share placing by Ellis & Partners will raise £1.94 million to fund expansion and will value the company at £5.6

#### Barclays fund

Barclays Global Investors is expected to launch a new fund next month to invest in traded with-profit endowment assurance policies. A Stock Exchange listing will aim to raise around £20 million.

# Apple looks to the laptop for a greater slice of the action



Amelia: aggressive strategy

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

APPLE COMPUTER, the troubled computer manufac-turer, will today launch its new generation of upgraded Powerbook laptop computers as a key step in its strategy to convince consumers and financial markets that its problems are over.

important in keeping up the momentum Apple gained from last week's surprise announcement that it was back in profit to the tune of \$25 million for the last quarter despite Wall Street's expectations of further heavy losses. The company is desperate to

stimulate consumer interest the best quarter for sales.

The new Powerbook will be the 1980s set new standards. Apple failed to keep up with the convetition.

lems that plagued a new Powerbook last year when some machines burst into

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Power PC chip and an en-larged 11.3 inch colour screen.

the range PC laptops.

The launch is part of an aggressive marketing strategy designed by Gilbert Amelio, the new chairman, that also includes deep price cuts on Apple's Performa desktop computers. After a disastrous year of record losses in which market share slumped from over 8 per cent to 6 per cent, Apple's greatest problem is to reassure consumers that it is not on the rocks.

But some Wall Street analysts are sceptical that a turnround is taking place. The accelerated at Apple when the rest of the industry is growing strongly," said William Milton, nputer analyst at Brown

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in the run-up to Christmas,

The new Powerbook 5300 is meant to catch up with competitors selling conventional personal computer laptops that run on Microsoft software. after Apple fell badly behind in recent years. Although the original Powerbook launched in

"We stumbled last year," said Kate Paisley, an Apple spokeswoman. We're rebuilding the Powerbook line but we need to get to first base. This signals that we are getting very aggressive and committed to the consumer market." Apple believes it has overcome the technical prob-

flames after being turned on. Although the new computers will look similar to the charcoal grey laptops currently sold by Apple, the Powerbook 5300 will be much faster with a 117 megahertz It will also feature a CD-Rom drive for the first time, and will have 16 megabytes of memory. It will sell for between \$2,500 and \$4,000 in the US although prices have not yet been set for Britain and other overseas markets.

The new Powerbook will go on sale in mid-November. Apple then plans to launch an even more powerful Powerbook that will match top-of-

WORD WATCHING Answers from page 36

(b) Not something you would wish upon your worst enemy. Unless, of course, he did not know what you were talking about. Didymitis is inflammation of the testicles. sold. A word to try when the priest asks whether you will take this person to be your lawful wedded spouse. "Are there redhibition rights on this contract? Only kidding." OXYMORON (c) The multification of a sale because of a defect in the article

OXYMORON

(c) A concise contradiction in terms, eg "cruel kindness".

"beloved enemy". "harmonious discord" and "delicious haggis".

From the Greek words for "bitter-sweet", themselves an oxymorou. The stock classical example is from Horace's Regulus Ode, splendide mendax. Tennyson: "His honour rooted in dishonour stood,! And jaith unfaithful kept him falsely true."

We are too accustomed to saying we are "awfully/terribly pleased" to notice that it is an oxymorou.

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(c) A wonder-worker or miracle man. From the Greek thaumata

(e) A wonder-worker or miracle man. From the Greek thaumata (c) A wonder-worker or miracle man. From the Greek indimata wonders + ergein to perform. The medicval church applied this stock epithet to some of its saints, such as Gregory, Bishop of Neo-Caesaria, and Bernard, who was known as the Thaumaturgos of the West. The term has been progressively cheapened to include conjurers. TV evangelists and other such tricksters and fraudsters. The nearest modern equivalents to the medicval sense are the motorway instant mechanics employed by the AA and DAC

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European domination in the pipeline for Russian gas giant

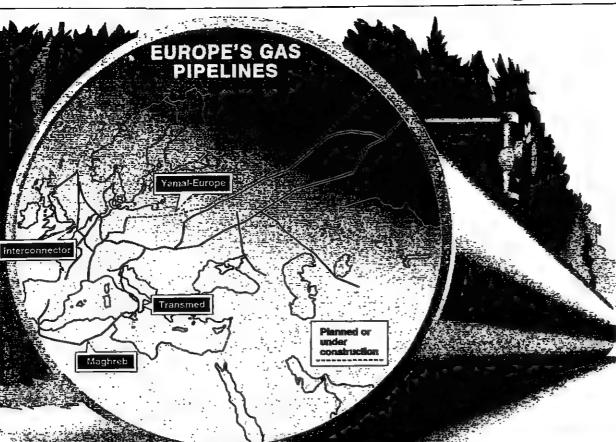
The Russian company beats our own gas utility on all counts. But that has not put off managers from the world's biggest financial institutions who have been queuing up to speak to the directors of the world's largest gas company. Gazprom's first interna-tional public offering is under way and interest is said to be strong for the 237 million shares available.

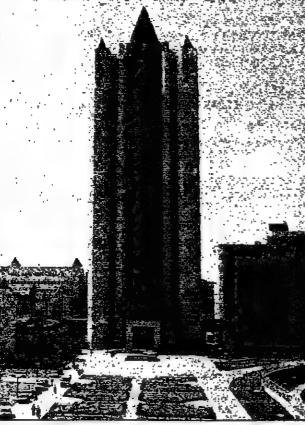
lot to do with the scale of the operation, but also its nationality. Despite its difficulties, which include a bad debt problem of enormous proportions and an ambivalent attitude towards shareholders, Gazprom is a force to be reckoned with.

strength of its assets alone. Analysis at Morgan Stanley. lead manager to the public offering, reel off a list of superlatives when describing the company. Gazprom supplied 23 per cent of the gas consumed in Europe last year. With reserves of 30,000 billion cubic metres, it has enough to supply the whole of Western Europe at current rates of

pay obligations total 2,000 billion cubic metres of gas, a figure that is approaching the

Exports to Europe are impor-







year received payment for only 62 per cent of the amount

As a monopoly supplier with 40 per cent of its shares in the hands of the Russian state, which in turn is often the other superlatives, including a customer, Gazprom is unable

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Both parts of the strategy could become controversial. Efforts by the European Commission to open up continental domestic gas markets have confronted a wall of government opposition and support for state gas monopolies. Moreover, these companies enjoy

healthy margins from high gas prices charged to consumers. The prospect of a surge in Russian exports is not welcomed by those who fear that Gazprom's plans could lead to a continental-sized gas bubble. one that would dwarf the UK's own gas surplus and cause prices to plunge.

Gazprom is quick to reject any suggestion that it will create a Siberian gas bubble and claims that it is negotiating long-term contracts that will quickly absorb the pipeline's capacity. Firm commitments are already in place to supply 25 billion cubic metres through the first pipeline, which is due to be completed next year, and Mr Komarov points to forecasts of a 40 to 50 per cent increase in the European gas market by 2010.

gas Interconnector and Mr Russian gas."

Despite the current gas glut, the idea is not fanciful. Gazprom has already signed up Gasunie, the Dutch company, for 4 billion cubic metres in anticipation of the day when will no longer be sufficient.

Gazprom is alive to the link between price and volume; the company wants to maintain margin while increasing its market share and has no reason to provoke a price collapse. Gas distribution in most of Europe is dominated by state monopolies, such as am in Italy and Gaz de France. Monopoly control has kept margins high on the Continent. While prices paid to producers vary as little as 5 per cent, the price paid by consum ers varies enormously.

Gazprom wants more of the downstream margin, and its efforts to move closer to consumers has been most success ful in Germany. In 1989, the Russians set up Wingas, a join venture with Wintershall, the BASF gas subsidiary. Wingas has been poaching business from Germany's main supplier, Ruhrgas, securing 10 per cent of the market in four years while forcing down prices. Gazprom would like to repli-

cate that success elsewhere. As Mr Komarov puts it: "Gazprom is confident that it has reserves and Europe needs this gas." The only bar to another assault on a cosy Euromonopoly is the bar on thirdparty access to pipelines, a restriction that the EU has failed to remove. Nevertheless, Gazprom is forging ahead, securing a joint venture with Edison in Italy to build a pipeline which could eventual put an end to Snam's stranglehold on the Italian

ut the gas industry is not standing still while Gazprom the European chessboard. BP is investing more than \$3 billion to produce gas in Algeria. The Transmed pipeline already pipes North African gas to Europe, and another route is about to open; the Maghreb pipeline will send Algerian gas across the Strait of Gibraltar to Spain, Portugal and, eventually, France. The Interconnector will soon bring cheap UK gas to Belgium and Holland and, by the beginning of the next century, liquefied natural gas from Shell's project in Nigeria will be arriving by tanker in Mediterranean ports.

The conclusion must be that European gas prices will soon begin to fall, and that spells TOT STATE INORODOUS and high-cost producers. Gazorom has an important advantage; its production costs are low, estimated at 10 cents per thousand cubic feet, compared with 60 cents in the UK and \$1.30 in Norway. Counting against the Russians is the cost of transport, exacerbated by existing pipelines through the Ukraine, where Gazprom suffers heavy tariffs.

For investors, concern remains about the lack, so far, of an audited revenue account, bad debts and an ambiguous attitude to investors. Within Russia, private share transfers to foreign investors must be approved, although the current ADS offering of will not be so controlled. Political turmoil is a concern, but whatever government prevails, it cannot afford to thumb its nose at Gazorom's dollar earnings; and if it continues to extend its reach in Europe, ignoring Gazprom will not be an option for foreign

RADIO CHOICE

# Devilish kind of revenge

The Monday Play: The Devil's Kiss. Radio 4. 7.45pm.

A quiet word in your ear. please, if you suffer from arachnaphobia A quiet word in your ear, please, it you suffer from a actinaphoota and intend listening to Stephen Dunstone's play. The word is done because you might find yourself looking down at your feet in apprehension. The plot of *The Devil's Kiss* is infested with killer spiders. They are the way in which the Devil (Keith Drinkel), whispering in the way that theatrical villains tend to do, avenges thingelf on a lath century Vorkshire village after a program! himself on a 14th century Yorkshire village after a pregnant woman breaks a pact with him. Give me your unbaptised baby, he tells her. and I'll stop the lord of the manor imposing crazy tasks on the sorely tried villagers. The Devil's Kiss is generous with its screams and howls and general consternation. Too generous, sometimes. What's happening to speech on radio?

Between the Ears. Radio 3, 10.45pm.

Producer Alan Hall calls it a celebration of the diversity of performances, and he's right. I've rarely heard such diversity on radio. Whether musical purists will approve of the celebrations is something else again. This is Beethoven's Fifth as you will never have heard it before. Its chronological shape is unchanged, and we get frequent reminders of the work as orchestrated. But Hall has created an astonishing alternative Fifth, using piano arrangements, machines, pop groups such as Roaring Jelly and, wonder of wonders, barking dogs.

6.30am Chris Evans 8.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamaco 9,00 in Concert Suede Recorded live at the Kilbum National in North London 10.00 Mark Raddille 12.00 Claire um Clive Warren

#### RADIO 2

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Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (PM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00em

#### RADIO 31

6.00em On Air. Presented by minor, Op 89) and Tausch (Concerto in B flat for two

Musicales) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Pstrick Lambert, Ravel

(Shéhérazade); Couperin (Trio Sonata in D minor, La 12.60 Composer of the Week:
Max Reger. Reger's output
was as prodigious as his
legendary appetite for food
and drink includes String Sultane)

Quartet in D minor, Op 74, Andante con Variazoni; Acolsharle, Op 75 No 11: Binsamkelt, Op 75 No 18; Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Mozart

1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime
Concert, Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, The

Lindsaya; John Casken (String Quartet No 2); Mozari (String Quartet No 2; Mozar (String Quartet in C, K465) 2.00 Utster Orchestra, under John Lubbock, Emma Johnson, clarinet. Tippett (Divertimento on Sellinger's Hound); Berwald (Sinfonie Singulare); Tavener (The Repentant Thief): Britten (Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Purcell) 3.40 Out of the Atr. Lord Healey remembers Man of Action

remembers Man of Action 3.45 Voices. Boje Skovnus (r) 4.30 The Jazzen Violin, The

5.00 Munic Machine, Lucie Skeaping introduces Skeaping introduces aackbuts, cometts, serpents

 and sheep
 5.15 in Tune. Naisie Wheen
 presents live music from
 members of the London Sinionietta. From Symphony Hall, Birmingham. 6.30 An Adams, who has written a concerto for clarinettist Michael Colling, includes Frank Zappa and Bach 7.30 Sir Malcolm Arnold at

Sir Malcolm Arnold at 75.
Live from the Demoate
Theatre, Northernotori. John
Lili, plano, Royal Livenpool
Philharmonic, under Andrew
Penny. Arnold (English Dances, set 1; Four Scottish Dances; John Field Fantasy;

Symphony No 9)

9.35 Hearts and Minds. Michael Rosen examines attempts at moulding the minds of the young. The Puritans of the 17th century invented terrifying tales of children on their death beds and filled books with images and graphic descriptions of brutally tortured Protestant

martyrs 10.00 Ensemble. A recital by the Maggini Quartel, Florarme Panutnik (Olivia, tirst broadcast): Mendelssohn (String Quartet In D. Op 44

No 1) Between the Ears. See

11.30 Composer of the Week: Cesar Franck (r) 12.30am Jazz Notas, includes the clarmettists Jim Beatty, Bob Wilber, Sammy Rimington and Tommy Sanction 1.00em Through the Night

4.45 Short Story: Patience, by Frances Galleymore A Frances Galleymore A woman's patience finally runs out with her husband. Read

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.66

Weather 6.00 Six o'Clock News 6.30

News Quiz (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: The Devil's Kiss. See Choice

9.15 Irish Icons: The Harp A Sees of programmes

senes of programmes exploring how certain people, places or things have assumed iconic status in

Week, With Melvyn Bragg, Melanie Philips, Norman Davies, Peter Hennessey, Richard Noll and Times

10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444. Vincent Duggleby takes insteners' calls on a lopeal issue affecting personal mances

Stephen Frost 12.55 Wealthe 1.00 The World at One, with Nici

new drama series by Stephen Multine, set in 1920s String A pethologist is called in to examine the body of a firec-month-old child With Liam Brennan, Martyn James and Owen Kavanagh (1/3) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift

10.45 Booker at Bedtime, An Page 15 Booker at Bedtime. An extract from Alias Grace, by Margaret Atwood

11.00 Beyond Reasonable Doubt (FM): The Clapham Common Murder. In January 1911. a

body found in South London leads the police to the murky underworld of the East End. With Malcolm Ward, David 11.00 Education Matters (LW)
11.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? Stamme Douglas Hodge, Amanda Root and Paul Bigley as the not-so-young hopefuls Giles,

Colours, by Joe Klem Read by Clarke Peters (6/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.8; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5. LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089, Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

# THE TIMES

#### Pleasures of the flesh

TO GROUPE Chez Gérard. where Laurence Isaacson and Neville Abraham continue their passionate campaign against "the relentless onslaught of vegetarianism and its myths". Their Carnivores' Club holds its tenth gathering this Wednesday at the Butchers' Hall in Smithfield's. Guest speakers are Jennifer Patterson and Clarissa Dickson Wright, also known as Two Fat Ladies, and Frances Bissell. The Times Cook and author of The Real Meat Cookbook The club proclaims it is the perfect excuse for an evening of free-flowing red wine and bloody meat. Vegetarians enter at their peril.

#### Grey day

JAMIE CAMPBELL, marketing director of Jupiter Asset Management, is very angry with his vet. A week ago or so, his year-old African Grey Parrot was taken to have his wings clipped. When the defeathered



creature returned home. Mr Campbell, in true Long John Silver-style, decided to perch the tropical bird on his shoulder and go for a walk. His other shoulder, meanwhile, was occupied by another parrot, presumably not a Norwegian Blue. The younger bird. feeling the call of the open air. promptly flew off. When the vet was contacted, he said he did not believe in wing dipping. Mr Campbell is understandably aggrieved. "If this was America I would spe," he

senior partner of Rosenblatt's solicitors in the City, has had a terrible time since our story last week about controversial Sheffield businessman Ste-Rosenblatt, Of course, like the owns the ailing Sunday Busies the ailing Tories, these are

about the case of mistaken identity when he received a call from his bank manager asking what he had been up to. Thankfully, he was able to reassure him he had not been commuting between Sheffield and Dusseldorf and is not involved in selling shoes.

lan Rosenblatt first realised

#### Jubilant

STEPPING out of their company Jaguars this morning for a brisk walk will be some of Canary Wharf's illustrious tenants. Sir David Walker (Morgan Stanley), David Vaughan (Credit Suisse First Boston), David Alexander (Texaco), and Colette Bowe (Personal Investment Authority) will join Michael Pickard. chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation in a walk from Canada Water to Canary Wharf the mark the final link in the construction of tunnels for the Jubilee Line extension. Joining them will be Sir Peter Middleton, chairman of BZW, which moves to Canary

# Mistaken ID

POOR old Ian Rosenblatt, phen Hinchliffe's German business interests — which happen to be run by one Ian two Gordon Browns, one who ness, the other who pressuris-Wharf next year. different people. The Landon

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queueing up for Gazprom offering, says Carl Mortished ame a huge, overmanned, inefficient gas company in conflict with consumers and continually at war with the authorities. If you thought British Gas, think again. A better answer would

The reasons are not hard to understand and, again, have a

Gazprom could probably sell

consumption for 115 years.

a good chunk of that market already. Jouri Komarov of Gazprom points to hefty market shares: 35 per cent in Germany, 34 per cent in France and 26 per cent in Italy. In Austria, the company reckons it is supplying 80 per cent of the market, and recent long-term contracts have increased its market share. He said that Gazorom's contracted take-or

tant to Gazprom, generating \$8.2 billion, more than half of the group's annual revenue from only a quarter of its gas are part of the explanation, but back home Gazprom can boast

itself to foreign investors on the

In fact, Gazprom has secured

UK's total gas reserves.

claim to the world's worst bad debt problem. The company is owed more than \$8 billion by Russian customers and last

to act tough with non-payers. National security, social obligation and the Russian winter preclude cutting off supply. instead, Gazprom plays an elaborate game with the authorities, sometimes withholding taxes in protest at the failure to pay bills. Recently, its bank accounts were temporarily frozen in a stand-off over

> \$2.8 billion in overdue taxes. The solution to the cash flow problem is more exports, and Gazprom has ambitions to further penetrate Western Europe's gas markets. Its strategy has two prongs: increased export volumes and the extension

of its reach into local markets.

he main object of their concern, and the cornerstone of Gazprom's strategy, is the Yamal pipeline that will pump the vast gas reserves of the Yamal peninsula to homes, factories and power plants in the north west of Europe. The 5,900km dual pipeline from Siberia to Germany will cost \$12 billion and should increase export potential by 67 billion cubic

The Russians are building bridgeheads and laying down investments across Europe, in addition to joint ventures in Germany, Austria, France, Italy and Greece. Gazorom owns 10 per cent of the UK-Belgium Komarov remarks: "You should not exclude the day when London is supplied with

swing era provided chances for Stuff Smith. Ray Nance and Svend Asmussen

5.55 Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Breting 8.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Who Goes Home 8.58 Wealther 9.00 News 9.05 Start of the

columnist Nigella Lawson 10.00 News; The Seven Deadly Virtues (FM): Humility (2/7 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

Rory McGrath chairs the panel game in which two prolessionals illustrate their work. Team captains are the comedians Tony Hawks and

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Hand In Glove, A

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Lynne Walker visits a new conservation centre in Liverpool and sees Cliff Richard as Heathcliff in the

lreland 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Sabel Hilton

12.00 News incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book: Primary

ane Tennison has a new Brookside veteran Ricky Tomlin-

son. As Tennison, you cannot fail

to have noticed last night. Mirren

ended up working for Broakside

veteran John McArdle. The only

difference was ... Tennison slept

"We slept together, that's what

people do when they are grown

up," she flounced, when they met

for a post-coital chit-chat over the

filing cabinets, "It was electrify-ing," groaned DCS Ballinger

(McArdle), still visibly weak at the

knees. Electrifying hub, she liked

But back to coincidences. There

that. "You have my attention."

were little ones such as the

resemblance of DI Devanney Du-

lia Lane) to Fitz's favourite squeeze

(sexist but accurate), Penhaligon,

And then there were big ones such

as the astonishing similarity of the

plot to one used by Thief Takers,

just ten days ago. You remember

- the one about the articulate and

BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: DEAF-BLIND

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS

9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: TV6 (46247) 9.30

GERMANY (9719792)

LASSIE (55995)

7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS (6979860)

EDUCATION IN RUSSIA (7132860) 6.25 THE ACADEMY OF WASTE?

(7151995) 6.50 YOUNG TURKS IN

4346841) 7.55 BLUE PETER (8412518)

8.20 KING GREENFINGERS (7345686) 8.25 TALES OF AESOP (7344957) 8.30

COSMO AND DIBS IN PUNLADI AND

ENGLISH (1538570) 9.40 MEGA-MATHS (5749082) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (6993537) 10.25 FIREWORK SAFETY (9595957) 10.30 HOTCH POTCH HOUSE (3026402) 10.50 LOOK AND

READ (3046266) 11.10 ZIG ZAG 11.30

TEACHING TODAY (7155) 12.00 GNVQ (59711) 12.30pm WORKING LUNCH (86353) 1.00 HISTORYFILE (17089605) 1.20 SPANISH GLOBO

FINGERS (81549402) 2.05 TALES OF

from the Bournemouth International

17068112) 1.45 STORYTIME

2.10 SNOOKER: GRAND PROX Live action

AESOP (81548773)

(Caelax) (61607044)

6.25 UFO (Ceefax) (277228)

Behold the iceberg melts.

groaned DCS Ballinger

patch, a new job and a new

boss. All of which means we

have a new Prime Suspect (ITV).

the fifth in the series and, unless

somebody makes Helen Mirren a

very rich woman indeed, probably

the last. It was a case of enjoy it

It was also a case of enjoy it

before it turned completely into

Cracker, Tennison, you see, has

been sent north to Manchester.

which is pretty much Fitz's patch.

Would they get on, I wondered, if

they bumped into each other in the

corridor? On second thoughts,

would Tennison (Mirren) survive

such an encounter — those heels

are awfully high and Fitz is as near

as the human form gets to being an

immuveable object. It could have

But while nasty accidents were

avoided, nasty coincidences were

not. As Fitz, you recall, Robbie

Coltrane ended up working for

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (68266)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (8) (2108711)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK [S]

11.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s)

12,00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (8) (1508599)

12.50 THE WEATHER SHOW (65613131)

2.30 WHO'LL DO THE PUDDING? (s) (805)

3.30 THE BUSY WORLD OF RICHARD

3.55 BODGER AND BADGER (s) (9361353)

(5987368) 5.00 NEWSROUND

6.00 NEWS and weather (Caelax) (334)

7.00 TELLY ADDICTS (Cestax) (s)(8696)

drug addicts (Ceelex) (s) (570)

Toriv (Ceefax) (s) (9624)

(Ceefax) (s) (8131) 9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS and w

(Ceefax) (1570)

(8) (3315)

. 8.00 EASTENDERS The police have some

8.30 VETS SCHOOL The fortunes of a group of veterinary science undergraduates in their final year

9.30 PANORAMA In-depth investigations on

topical issues (Ceelax) (141247)

10.10 CHICAGO HOPE: Who Turned Out the

11.00 FRANK SKINNER A repeat of interviews

11.30 FILM 96 WITH BARRY NORMAN

12.00 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (r) (3502648)

2.10-2.15 WEATHER (8990261)

12.45em FILM: The Mummy (1959) starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee in a

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Lights? When a bolt of lightning strikes

the hospital and cuts off the electricity.

lives are in danger (Ceefax) (6) (224179)

with, among others, Ivana Trump, Oleg Gordlevsky and Jaid Barrymore (Ceefax)

Includes the high-tech espionage film Chain Reaction starting Keenu Reeves.

Tweltth Night directed by Trevor Nunn

and Nothing Personal, about life in Beltast (Ceelex) (5) (41402)

story about archaeologists incurring an ancient Egyptian curse (1683087)

7.30 TOMORROW'S WORLD How space

junk could knock dozens of satellit

of the aky Plus a look at how to train dogs

to snift out LSD without turning them into

disturbing news for lan and there's

trouble on the home front for Simon and

4.10 ACE VENTURA: PET DETECTIVE (6735315) 4.35 RECORD BREAKERS

(2008711) 5.10 BLUE PETER (6104315)

9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceefax)

7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (99537)

9.45 KILROY (E) (2938792)

(Ceelax) (6512711)

12.05pm QUINCY (8538402)

1.00 NEWS and weather (92624)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (44021537)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (S) (9860)

3.00 INCOGNITO (8995)

**SCARRY** (s) (7065228)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (832792)

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1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57064315)

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7.15 AS SEEN ON TV Showcasing films from the children's carnorder show Tonight, /
Love Space by tan-year-old Baine
Donnelly, My Shed by 13-year-old Philip
Cooper and Chad's Week by 11-year-old Chad Sweeney (479228) 7.30 YOP GEAR MOTORSPORT The lest

round of the British Rally Championship and the penultimate Eurocesa meeting of the year (363605) 8.05 PEOPLE'S CENTURY The story of the fight against official racism in South Africa

and the southern United States (r) (Ceelax) (s) (631518) 9.00 SYKES (r) (Caefsx) (9112)



Paul Merton stars (9,30pm) 1.20 THE PAUL MERTON SHOW One-off

cornedy special (Ceetax) (s) (73889) 10,00 GAME ON The last of comedy series about three young, single flatmates (27112) Followed by Video Shorts 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (906421) 11.15 SNOOKER: GRAND PRIX (308614)

12.30mm LEARNING ZONE: AN A TO Z OF ENGLISH (29754) 1.00 ANIMATED ENGLISH (60174) 1.30 NEWS STORIES (88880) 2.00 ACCESS TO LEARNING (94803) 4.00 ITALIA 2000 (95445) 4.30 FIND OUT ABOUT BBC FOCUS (73085396) 4.45 DEPART-

born-again Christian, and quiet, sensible ludy. Urged to think positive, use superlatives and mix with achievers, they knock on doors and try to sell a vacuum cleaner. All goes well until they are forced to reveal the price. £799. "You're joking", says one would be customer, "I could buy a car for that". MENT OF HEALTH SPECIAL (28728464) 5.00 PATHWAYS TO CARE (53342) 5.30-6.59 NURSING (44551)

strangely charismatic Manchester drug dealer, who enjoyed freedom from prosecution because of his

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contacts with the police. Well, meet The Street (Steven Mackintush), formerly known as Clive Norton, an articulate and strangely charismatic Manchester drug-dealer who hasn't been prosecuted since he stuck a chippie's hands in the deep-fat fryer four years ago. "What would it look like," mused Tennison to the sulky and sporadically incomprehensible DS Rankine (David O'Hara). "if he was getting tipped off ... from our side?" Coincidence?

Plagiarism? You tell us, Jane. But whatever its origins (and I'm there is little doubt that Guy Andrews's patiently spun story will have inflicted further GRH (grevious ratings harm) to the twitching, misconceived corpse that is Rhodes. Mirren is once again excellent as Tennison, albeit

CHOICE

On a bleak 1960s housing estate outside Dublin, children who might otherwise turn

to drugs and crime are getting their kicks from hurses. According to Erin Coner's wry

little film 3,000 horses roam the estate, most

of them belonging to teenage hoys. "Round here a horse gets you respect," says one young man, who has obviously been watching his cowboy films. "If I hadn't got

the horse I'd be smoking heroin", says another. The kids not only ride the horses,

they can make money buying and selling them. With 80 per cent unemployment on the estate, it is a useful little earner. But the Dublin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty

of Animals is unhappy at how the horses are being treated and is backing a Bill to control their ownership. The lads see it as the first step in banning horses from the estate and prepare to do battle.

Gaby Roslin presents more videos made by people unembarrassed at revealing their holiday secrets to you and me. Not that all

much older, her mother and step-father. The three of them do not get on at the best of times, let alone during a formight in Turkey, when Nicola's pursuit of the high life puts her on an instant collision course.

If nothing else, this series has revealed the curious names which people give their pets. Last week's patients for the aspiring vets included guirsea pigs called Robson and Jerome. On the sick list tonight is a horse called Jasper Carrott. Jasper's owner is himself aper.

himself a vet, who graduated from this very

school. But there are so many storylines jostling for attention that Jasper has no more

than a supporting role. It is a clever series that can grab the attention in so many

different ways, not least by carrying stories

over from week to week. Thus Heidi, the mysteriously sick golden retriever, makes a reappearance and so does the jolly Trude from Norway, struggling to convince her stern tutor, Dr Kieron O'Brien, that she is up

Delivered without commentary, but with a

great deal of wit, Claudia Nye's film follows

nine aspiring salesmen and one saleswomen

through a training course and their first tentative efforts in the field. The discouraging prospect is that only one of the ten will make it, the cue for Nye to mount a

running gag around ten green bottles. The trainees are a wonderfully mixed bunch and

the smart money is on Kevin, former soldier cockily confident and already looking forward to his BMW Cabriolet, Mick, a

Cutting Edge: Birth of a Salesman

Channel 4, 9,00pm

The Real Holiday Show

Channel 4, 8.30pm

Short Stories: Urban Cowboys

Channel 4, S.OOpm

REVIEW



a more vulnerable and fallible version than we are used to, and is well supported, particularly by O'Hara (once you are attuned to his accent), McArdle and by Joseph Jacobs, who played Campbell Lafferty, the self-confessed schoolboy killer whom Tennison released towards the end of last night's first instalment. The concluding part is tonight. Cracking stuff - or perhaps, given last

Still in her prime, she's almost a cracker night's apparently grisly denoue-ment -- Cracker-ish stuff.

Drama of a very different sort was served up on Saturday night in the shape of Loving (BBC2). But precisely what sort was a bit of a mystery. It wasn't romantie enough to be a romance and it certainly wasn't funny enough to he a comedy. Very odd.

The film was based on the novel by Henry Green, a work which has so far eluded me. Tell me, does anything happen in the book? So little happened in Maggie Wadey's adaptation that it defied belief. A sapphire ring was lost, found, conocaled, stolen, returned; a castle was burnt down, and a butler fell in love with a maid. Written like that it sounds a lot, but in this interpretation none of it much mattered, still less made any sense.

Perhaps the biggest mystery surrounded Mark Rylance's central performance as Raunce, the newly promoted butler at Kinalty

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9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP 2183402)

10.00 THE TIME . . . THE PLACE (S) {47686}

12.55 LOOK AND COOK (s) (3907247) 1.25

Teletent) (s) (27408605) 2.25

3.30 TOTS TV CLASSICS (9353334) 3.40 THE SLOW NORRIS (6773063) 3.50

6749518) 4.25 SCOOSY DOO

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (a)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Deirdre in sure

8.00 WORLD IN ACTION A close examin

dental health (Teletext) (s) (4792)

8-30 POLICE, CAMERA, ACTION Police

Mrs Jeffers still has designs on Ken (Teletext) (266)

ation of the state of the average Briton's

video anatches of dengerous driving (Telefeid) (a) (3529)

Helen Mirren as Jane Tennison (9pm

Judgement (Part 2) Tennison's arror of Judgement has cost a young boy his life. She maps the man responsible but can't get any firm evidence. With Helen Mirren. Condinues after the news (4537)

9.00 PRIME SUSPECT 5: Errors of

10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (114063)

10.40 PRIME SUSPECT S: Errors of

10.00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (54266)

11.40 FILM: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY

1,50am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (9896984)

4.00 JONES AND JURY (8) (19071) 4.30 THE TIME, THE PLACE (1) (8) (78193) 5.00 THE ENTERTAINERS (53396)

2.20 FILM: THE GREAT PRETENDER

(1978) starring Gary Busey, Don Stroud and Charles Martin Smith. Oscar-winning

biopic of the rock'n'roll legend who die

in a plane crash at the age of 22. Directed

(1990). Thriller starring Bruce Green-wood, Jessica Steen and Gregg Henry. Directed by Gus Trikonis (500613)

WOLVES, WITCHES AND GIANTS (9357150) 4.06 SOOTY AND CO

CORONATION STREET (1) (Teletext) (6842624) 2.00 HOME AND AWAY

CROSSWITS (Teleterd) (5) (27487112) 2.50 GARDEN CALENDAR (Teleterd)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6970686)

10.30 THIS MORNING (27280150)

12.20 NEWS (Telejera) (3899228)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (5102976)

(6758266) 4.50 HOW 2 (7486518)

5.40 NEWS (Teletext) (358315)

7.00 THE LIST (5044)

5.10 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (8)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (291650)

3,25 REGIONAL NEWS (5101247)

(9503976)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7157686)

6.00 am GMTV (7212537)

Castle. Rylance spent a lot of time looking like a young Leonard Rossiter texcept with better evelashes) and even more time sounding like Dick Van Dyke. He didn't quite come out with "Cor blimey, Mary Poppins" but you wouldn't be a bit surprised if he had. He did, however, manage an "I'm coming

over all queer". Apparently it was

coming out in the air what done it. Quite what Edith (Georgina Cates) saw in him was never really apparent, especially as in her case the field extended to both sexes. Still. Cates pouted prettily, danced provocatively and - until she fell for Raunce - romped obligingly and gratuitously with her fellow maid and room-mate, Kate (Sara Stephens). No doubt it was the air what brought that on, too.

Earlier, in Assignment: Killing Time (BBC2). David Walter took a frustratingly pan-European look at what is for many of us an essentially home-grown problem

HTV WALES

WESTCOUNTRY ....

12.55pm-1.25 OUR HOUSE (3807247)

6.25 WALES TONIGHT (291650)

7.00-7.30 ARTYFAX (5044)

2.50-3.20 LOOK AND COOK (9503976)

12.55 CORONATION STREET [3807247]

1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (41632137)

1.55 HOME AND AWAY (14457599)

2.25 TIME OF MY LIFE (27401792)

2.55-3.20 A COUNTRY PRACTICE

6.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (58570)

As HTV West except: 12.55 HOME AND AWAY (3807247)

1.25 CROSSWITS (41632137)

6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (291650)

11.40 BAGDAD CAFE (177792)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8908792)

7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (5044)

CENTRAL

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44095112)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8908792)

7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (5044)

2.20-3.20 BLUE HEELERS (9724044)

12.10am BEYOND REALITY (7331071)

12.40 FOOTBALL EXTRA (1705342)

1.25 THE CRIME HOUR (6038700)

2.25 JONES AND JURY (1400377)

4.20 SOUND BITES (92677261)

12.55pm CROSSWITS (3807247) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (41832137)

5.00 ASIAN EYE (53396)

As HTV West except:

2.50 FILM: THE SEEKERS (9049464)

4.35 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '96 (52420777)

MERIDIAN

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (14457599)

8.30 SPIRIT OF THE SOUTH: DOWN THE

7.00-7.30 BRUCE'S PRICE IS RIGHT (5044)

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Starts: 6.35 TAKE FIVE (9723995) 7.00 THE

BIG BREAKFAST (82247) 9.00 HERE'S ONE

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5.00mm FREESCREEN (53396)

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- ever longer working hours. The immediate relevance of impoverished Portuguese shoemakers to comparatively affluent but overworked British office workers was not obvious but eventually - via Austria, Germany and France and with the help of Marcus Aurelius and Milan Kundera - Walter just about got there.

For those who work formal shifts there could be good news on the way, courtesy of enlightened employers and bossy European directives. But for those who just work - it's still a case of don't give up your day and night job.

Finally, for some weeks now I have been wondering why I ever liked Blind Date, the meretricious appeal of which grates ever more painfully. Then BBCl brought Noel's House Party back (no gunge, no pink blobby thing but still irredeemably awful), and I remembered. See you next week,

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the Supreme Champion (Teletext) (s) (179) 5.00 THE MONTEL WILLIAMS SHOW (Teletext) (s) (2400995) 5.45 TRAVELOG TREKS: Jamaica (s) (Teletext)(622402) 5.00 THE COSBY SHOW (r) (Teletext) (604)

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19.00 HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET Lewis and Kellerman drive to wanted in connection with a murder. With a guest appearance by Lily Tornilo (Teletext) (s) (5266)

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12.20em TRANSWORLD SPORT (r) (8054241) 1.20 LET THE BLOOD RUN FREE (r)

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3.30 FILM: Front Page Woman (b/w, 1935) starring Bette Davis and George Brent. Comedy drama in which Davis thes to prove her journalistic ability to a rival reporter with whom she falls in love. Directed by Michael Curtiz (\$256103) Ends at 4.55

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SKY 1 7.00am Love Connection (C174601) 7.20 Pless Your Luck (8774745) 7.40 Jeopardy (4630268) 8.10 Hotel (9589686) 9.00 Another World (1704334) 9.45 Oprah Wintey (3271353) 10.40 Real TV 42199334) 11.10 Sale, Jessy Raphael (6674137) 12.00 Geraldo (12792) 1.00pm One to The (86599) 3.00 Jenny Jones (21976) 4.00 Oprah Wintey (33711) 5.00 Star Tret The Next Generation (6042) 8.00 The New Arbertines of Supermen (19976) 7.00 Next Generation (6042) 8.00 The New Adventures of Superman (19976) 7.00 LAPD (1731) 7.30 M-A-S-H (4957) 8.00 Signings (60353) 9.00 Pickel Ferces (5789) 10.00 Sar Trek. The Next Generation (50976) 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (2088) 12.00 Midnight Caller (93396) 1.00 m LAPD (47358) 1.30 Real TV (97364) 2.00 Hz bit 195657. 87464) 2.00 Hg Mb (59667)

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SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

6.00am Rhinestone (1984) (93624) 8.00 8.00am Rhinestons (1984) (33624) 8.00 The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh (1979) (80315) 10.00 No Nukes (1980) (21583) 12.00 Free Willy (1993) (1928) 2.00pm The Magic of the Golden Bear (1995) (41228) 4.00 Fury at Smugglers' Bay (1960) (5334) 6.00 Spenser: The Judas Goat (1994) (14957) 7.30 El Festures (1995) (66627) 10.00 True Lies (1994) (1995) (66627) 10.00 True Lies (1994) (1995) (66627) 10.00 True Lies 94) (96870614) 12.20am Showdown Little Tokyo (1991) (643605) 1.40 diy Vows (1994) (3317754) 3.10 Hard Evidence (1994) (5799551) 4,40 Spen-ser, The Judgs Gost (1994) (67987938)

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7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (59957) 7.30 Watersports World (23150) 8.30 Rocing News (68660) 9.00 Drag Racing (50112) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (97131) 10.00 Specializing Aerobics Oz Style (70978) 12.30pm Football Special (51268) 2.30 Trans World Sport (88315) 3.30 Finish Line (4353) 4.00 Smish Baskerboll (6085)

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cludes recipes and ideas from Daia Smith From 12,00-3,00pm Hapith and Beauty. THE HISTORY CHANNEL

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

# Retailers confident of approaching sales boom

By Sarah Cunningham

SHOPKEEPERS are gearing up for booming sales in the run-up to Christmas, according to a survey published today.

About 60 per cent of retailers and two thirds of wholesalers expect an increase in new orders during the next few months, compared with just 55 per cent at the same time last year. They also expect an increase in est rates at the current rate through

Dun & Bradstreet's latest quarterbusiness confidence survey of 1,600 managing directors shows that selling prices remain subdued and inflationary pressures low. Philip Mellor, a senior analyst at Dun & Bradstreet, said: This should enhance the prospect that the Chancellor will maintain interthe short term." The survey comes on the heels of a series of good results and trading statements from retailers. Last week WH Smith said sales in the period from June to September have risen 4 per cent. Like-for-like

sales were up 3 per cent. Evidence of how much sales have grown across the sector will be published on Wednesday, when the Government releases retail sales figures for September. Mr Mellor

said: "Business expectations are continuing to improve, which is good news for the UK economy."

However, he added: "The improvement is largely due to seasonal factors within the retail, service and wholesale sectors. It remains to be seen if business confidence will be sustained through the first quarter of 1997 and in the run-up to the general election." He said the rise in expectations of increased overseas business

in the retail, wholesale and service sectors "strengthens the argument that increased expectations in the domestic economy may only be temporary and sustained growth may be dependent on business from

overseas markets". Business optimism varies from region to region. In England, except for the Midlands, businesses are forecasting increases in net sales profits, while those in the

Midlands, Scotland and Wales are less optimistic.

Employers remain cautious about hiring new staff, with a "moderate upturn in optimism about recruitment in the retail and service sectors attributed to seasonal factors. The manufacturing and construction sectors expect employment growth to slow in the next three months.

Economic outlook, page 42

# Wright to score £6m on Loftus Road float

By JASON NISSE

CHRIS WRIGHT, the multimillionaire music and media businessman, is expected to book a profit of more than £6 million from the floration of Loftus Road, the sports business which owns Queens Park Rangers Football Club and Wasps rugby union club, to be announced tomorrow.

Loftus Road is to raise £12 million from a flotation on the Alternative Investment Market that is expected to value the group at £30 million. Mr Wright's stake will be worth about £18 million, giving him a quick profit on the £12 million he invested in the summer to buy both QPR and Wasps.

The company has already had a revaluation of QPR's ground, at Loftus Road in west London, and Wasps' home at Sudbury in Middlesex. Together they are said to be worth £17 million. Mr Wright has talked of building a new stadium in Hounslow in the next century and selling both existing sites for redevelopment.

The money is to be used to secure contracts for some of Wasps' star players, and to allow QPR to buy new players. Loftus Road will become the

seventh company traded on the stock market to own a football team and the first to own a professional rugby union team. Newcastle United and Sunderland are also eyeing a float in the near future. This week Sheffield United is expected to announce a £10 million reverse takeover deal with Conrad, the leisure group that failed to take control of Leeds United earlier this year.

QPR win, page 31 Business of sport, page 37

#### C&W and **Videotron** deal 'near' Cable and Wireless, the

telecoms company that owns Mercury Communications, declined to comment on reports that it was on the verge of buying Videotron, the cable operator based in London and believed to be valued at around £350 million.

C&W is thought to be keen to consolidate its interest in cable television as Richard Brown, the new chief executive, sets about reshaping the company. C&W owns 13 per cent of Bell Cablemedia, Britain's third largest ca-

#### Gazprom fix

Shares of Gazprom, the world's largest gas com-pany, will be priced this week. The Russian company is likely to be valued at about \$40 billion.

Fund managers Europe and North America have rushed to back the offer, even though only I per cent of the share capital is on offer. The Russian state will retain 40 per cent of the company and more than half is owned by domestic Russian investors who are not permitted to sell to foreigners.

#### Domination, page 46 Custody plan

Morgan Stanley is negotiating the purchase of Barciays Bank's global custody business, which handles up to £200 billion worth of funds, the two banks confirmed yesterday. A deal is expected to be finalised next month.

Global custody has expanded from the safekeeping of shares and bonds to include investment accounting, performance measurement and securities lending.

#### Pay down

Pay awards for manufacturing workers are falling while productivity is growing, according to figpres from the Confedera-

tion of British Industry. The survey - which contrasts slightly with the growth in annual earnings reported last week should ease some fears over inflationary pressures

from pay settlements. Pay falling, page 43

# Greycoat faces survival threat from investors

By MARTIN BARROW

GREYCOAT, the £500 million property company, faces a bitter fight for survival as investors call for the sale of its entire portfolio and the distribution of the proceeds to shareholders.

The UK Active Value Fund, which speaks for 11 per cent of the company, will today requisition an extraordinary meeting to force the Greycoat board to take drastic action to address the company's poor

rating in the City. The move would herald the biggest auction of property in the City and West End of London for many years, putting on the market some of the capital's most valuable buildings. Greycoat's portfolio includes Embankment Place, the imposing headquarters of Coopers & Lybrand, and 123 Buckingham Palace Road. Despite the desirability of many of the company's properties. Greycoat shares trade at a 23 per cent discount to forecast net asset value, against an average 8 per cent discount by other property companies. Analysts say that this reflects a lack of confidence in Michael Beckett, the Greycoat chairman, and Peter

Thornton, chief executive. Brian Myerson, of the UK Active Value Fund, said yesterday: "The time has come to unlock the value of Greycoat." Mr Myerson has already held talks with other large investors, including Schroders Investment Management, with 18 per cent, and Newton Asset Management. Another major shareholder is Hermes, the UK's largest pension fund, with a 7.34 per cent stake.

Mr Myerson declined to disclose the anticipated level of support for his action but said:

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£78.75 million. Mr Myerson and Julian Treger, a fellow South African who co-founded UK Active Value Fund, are expected to command significant support among Greycoat investors because of the leading role they played when Greycoat narrowly avoided receivership in 1993 through an £86 million rescue. Mr Mverson's rescue package succeeded after inves-Embankment Place, headquarters of Coopers & Lybrand tors threw out a rival scheme proposed by Hermes, then known as PosTel.

shareholders," he said.

time when prices are rising.



Sweet music: Chris Wright's stake in Loftus Road will be worth about £18 million

# Lloyd's sues Miami sleuth

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

LLOYD'S of London is suing its own Miami-based investigator for defrauding it of millions of dollars in a bizarre twist to a long investigation into an insurance swindle. The insurance market hired James Dougherty II in 1989 to

track insurance claims of Munther Bilbeisi. a Middle East businessman, whom it suspected of making false and inflated claims running to tens of millions of pounds. Lloyd's became suspicious of Mr Bilbeisi because of the frequency and size of his claims. Mr Dougherty pursued the

case vigorously, visiting the Middle East, Europe and Central America, saving Lloyd's millions of pounds by uncovering a string of bogus in-surance claims by Mr Bilbeisi, including one for a lost Chinese vase and oriental rugs

worth far less than the claim. The investigator also discovered that Mr Bilbeisi had tried to collect millions of pounds from his insurers by falsely claiming that high-quality Guatemalan coffee had been switched for lower-grade coffee during shipment.

lege that Mr Dougherty helped himself to \$7.1 million of Lloyd's money. "Dougherty billed the underwriters who hired him for hundreds of hours that were never worked." said Thomas Muy-

hill, prosecuting attorney. Mr Dougherty's lawyers said Lloyd's got value from him because of what he had saved it by uncovering false claims. They said Mr Dougherty used much of the money as expenses and "witness payments" in Guatamala.

Mr Bilbeisi is a fugitive from US tax charges.

# George warns of need to be ready for EMU in 1999

By Christine Buckley

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, last night urged Britain to be ready to enter the European single currency at the start of 1999, the deadline for the first round of monetary union.

He said: "I regard it as absolutely fundamental that Britain should be ready on the first of January 1999 to prosper whether the decision is that we should join or whether the decision is that we should stay out and I am quite determined that we will be in that position."

Speaking on BBC2's Money Programme Mr George, who refused to endorse or condemn the merits of joining a single currency, said that retailers and other organisations handling a large amount of cash would not need to gear up for fresh arrangements until the beginning of next year. He said: "Most of the

people of this country won't

be affected even if we join until banknotes and coins become available, which is not until the year 2002, so that businesses looking to the re-

IN BUSINESS



JANET BUSH muse on the questions posed by Britain, opinion

tail end of the economy will have a long time between the early part of 1998 to the middle of 2002 in order to prepare for the transition." Some unions have voiced

criticism that the strict conver-

gence criteria of the Maas-

tricht treaty will trigger job Mr George, who holds his next meeting with the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer on October 30, would not be drawn on his hopes for next month's Budget. The minutes of the last monthly meeting between the two revealed a clash over the direction of interest rates, with Mr George having pressed for a quarter-

point rise. Mr George played down the differences between himself and the Chancellor, saying: "Monetary policy is an art rather than a science so I think you shouldn't exaggerate the disagreement that

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# Opposition chief concedes heavy defeat in Japan's ballot battle

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE leader of Shinshinto, Japan's main opposition party, conceded defeat for his group after yesterday's general

Ichiro Ozawa said: The results of the elections show that we fell far short of our goal of reaching a majority. We

regret this very much."
The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) of Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, made big gains, but was unable to secure a majority in the House of Representatives, With almost all the votes counted in a poll fought under a new electoral system, the LDP ad taken 239 of the 500 lower house seats compared with its pre-election

The right-wing Shinshinto trailed with 155 seats. The Communists took 26 in a strong showing that contrasted with the setback suffered by the Social Democrats, with 15 seats. The newly formed Democratic Party won 49 seats. Three seats remain to be decided. After a poll remarkable for the low turnout, the LDP, the dominant party

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in the ruling coalition, will be forced to renew its alliance with the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the small Sakigake Party or seek new partners. "We need the co-operation of other parties," Mr Hashimoto said last night, adding that he was not sure who the allies might be.

Takako Doi, the SDP leader, repeated her campaign pledge that the party would not join a new LDP-dominated Cabinet. But Mr Hashimoto has a range of alternatives and may try to who the Democratic Party into a chalition arrangement.

With rolld surny weather prevailing in most of Japan, many of the 98 million elegible voters found better ways to spend their day than in choosing among the unappetising candidates. Voter turnout fell to a record low of an estimated 59 per cent: less than the previous low of 67 per cent in the general election of three years ago.

The exceptionally low turnout reflected widespread disillusion with the political parties. "Whatever the result,

it will make absolutely no difference to the way Japan is governed," was the explanation given by many Japanese who stayed away from polling stations. Among those who did vote were Kin Narita, 104, and her twin sister Gin They cast their ballots in Nagoya and.

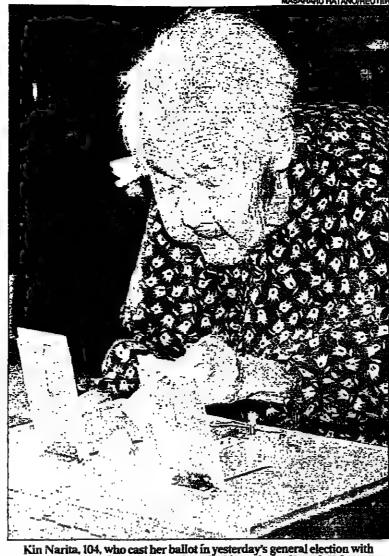
when asked how they had voted, Kin

merely replied: "I forget." Analysts said that politicians' antics in three years since the last election served to confirm voters' cynicism. In July 1993 the LDP lost its lower house majority after 38 years in power, although it remain the largest party. The stage seemed set for a real multisystem, in which politicians could offer voters clear choices on issues rather than the customary porkbarrelling and pandering to special interest lobbies. The new electoral rules were supposed to help in bringing about such a system.

But instead of a new dawn, the end of the LDP's monopoly was merely the signal for an all-out scramble for a share of power. Parties fragmented, politicians switched allegiances and ideological differences became even

more blurred than before. After a year in the wilderness, the LDP wriggled its way back to power in a bizarre alliance with their traditional antagonists, the Social Democrats (as the Socialists renamed themselves). As the junior coalition partner, the former socialists jettisoned their remaining left-wing beliefs and, in a final insult to their loyal supporters, jumped ship on the eve of this election to join the Democratic Party. Typically, Yukio Hatoyama, the man who helped to found the Democratic Party, had first forsaken the LDP for the Sakigake Party before this latest defection and is now believed to be ready to join an alliance with his old party, the LDP, if offered the right job.

"The depressing lesson of the election is that there is no serious challenger in Japanese politics to the Liberal Democrats, even if people are weary of them." Ryu Otomo, a writer and political commentator, said. "The turmoil of the past three years has played into the conservatives hands. People have a feeling that all the opposition parties are unreliable."



Kin Narita, 104, who cast her ballot in yesterday's general election with her twin sister. Gin, told those who asked how she had voted: "I forget"

# Election revamp meant to end faction feuds

Tokyo: Five hundred members of the Japanese lower house, the House of Representatives, will be chosen in the polls, the first since July 1993 and the first electoral test for Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister.

Japan's old electoral system, under which party colleagues fought each other in multi-seat constituencies, was changed because of concern that it encouraged lavish campaigning and party faction fighting.

The lower house is the decisive parliamentary chamber, with the power to name the Prime Minister, ratify treaties and pass budget Bills. The Prime Minister must be a member of this chamber. Under the revised law, the new lower house will have 500 members, compared to 511 previously. Members serve four years, but the Prime Minister can dissolve the House any time. The 252-member

upper house cannot be dissolved, and half that chamber is elected every three years for six-year terms.

Under the new electoral system, 300 lower house members will be elected in single-seat districts and 200 will be chosen through proportional repre-

sentation in 11 regional blocs. At polling stations, voters are given two ballots, one for a candidate in the constituency and one for a party in the

#### NEW SYSTEM

regional blocs. Candidates standing in any single-seat constituency can also be listed for the proportional representation list, meaning that they might still be made lower house members even if they fail in a first-past-the-post contest. Single-seat winners are deleted from the PR list. (Reuter)

# Blow to Deng as anti-corruption net catches allies

FROM JONATHAN MURSKY IN HONG KONG

IN THE most deadly attack: nouncement over the weekend yet on the power base of Deng. Xiaoping, China's moribund paramount leader, his son-inlaw was yesterday reported to have been forced to resign from a senior army post, and a close colleague of one of Mr Deng's sons has been indicted

on corruption charges. Major-General He Ping, the husband of Deng Rong, Mr Deng's daughter and biographer, was the director of the People's Liberation Army armaments department, one of the state's main sources of export funds. He was also the president of Poly Corporation, a PLA affiliate, which bought and sold arms.

Last March when American federal agents seized 2,000. Chinese-made machineguns and their ammunition, worth more than \$4 million (£2.5 million), they were on the verge of a larger haul which was to have included shoulder-held ground-to-air missile launchers and mortars; this might have netted senior Poly executives, including General He, who was said to have been planning a trip to America. FBI agents accused other agencies of the Government of having upped off the press about the "sting", to prevent embarrassment in Peking.

Although the Chinese officially denied any role in the smuggling operation, they were humiliated when the smuggling evidence, involving Poly and possibly General He. was laid before them.

The removal of General He is seen, therefore, as part of President Jiang Zemin's highlevel anti-corruption cam-paign, most of whose victims in the past two years have been associated with Mr Deng, whose continuing influence, despite his great age of 92 and advanced decrepitude continues to block Mr Jiang's ambitions to solidify his role as "core leader". Ironically, he had been installed in this position by Mr Deng in July 1989, immediately after the Tiananmen massacre.

A more damaging shaft into the Deng circle was the an-

of the laving of formal corruption charges against Zhou Beifang, who until 20 months ago, when he was detained in Peking directed the Hong Kong operation of Shougang, a widespread empire centring on Peking's Shougang Iron and Steel, one of the biggest industrial complexes in China.

Mr Zhou's detention came wo days after Zhou Guanwu, his father, was suddenly dismissed as Peking Shougang's chairman. The elder Zhou was a long-time army comrade of Mr Deng during the anti-Japanese and civil

It is reported that Zhou Beifang, notorious in Hong Kong for his high-rolling life style, had embezzled huge sums to finance his luxurious existence here, when he was closely allied with some of Hong Kong's leading business magnates.

More embarrassing still to Mr Deng is that until his resignation this spring his son, Zhifang, was a director of Shougang Concord Grand, part of Peking Shougang's Hong Kong operation.

Named in the same case as

Zhou Beifang are Chen Jian and Li Min. This at once draws him into the most spectacular corruption case in Peking since 1949, involving the woman mastermind of afraud scheme amounting to £200 million. She was shot earlier this year.

Deng Rong: husband

# Britain rebukes Governor

New York: The British Ambassador to the United States. Sir John Kerr, has written a letter of protest to New York's Governor. George Pataki, after anti-British remarks the Governor made about the 19th-century : Irish . famine (Quentin Letts writes).

Mr Pataki compared Brit-ish behaviour during the potato blight disaster with that of the Nazis' conduct towards the Jews. He ordered that the episode be taught in city schools as an example of human rights abuses.

# Nicaragua votes

Elections in Nicaragua began peacefully with the latest opinion polls giving Arnoldo Alemán, of the conservative Liberal Alliance, a slight lead over Daniel Ortega, the for-mer Marxist President.

# Briton alive

Cambodia: Christopher Howes, a British mine-clearance specialist kidnapped in Cambodia seven months ago, is said to be alive and held by hardline Khmer Rouge at Anlong Veng. (Reuter)

# Dengue toll

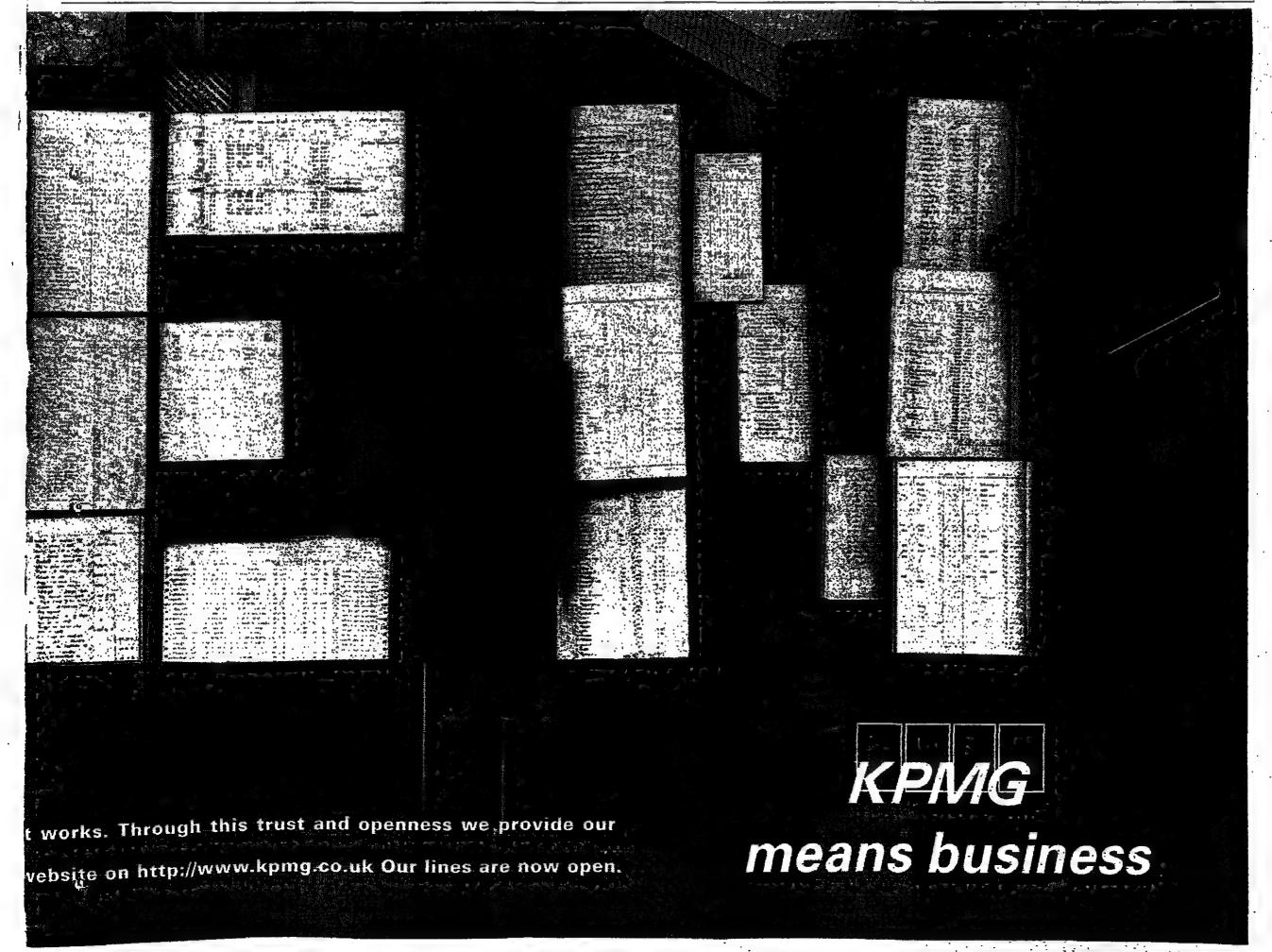
Delhi: The death toll from an outbreak of mosquito-borne dengue fever here has risen to 220, with 5,365 people admitted to hospital, but doctors said the rate of fatalities was steadily declining. (Reuter)

### Family massacre

Istanbul: Two jealous Turkish brothers sprayed a house with builets, murdering their wives and eight other people. They believed their wives were drinking alcohol with two men. (Reuter)

# Jet 'belly-flop'

New York: La Guardia airport here was closed when a McDonnell Douglas 80 plane belly-flopped" on landing after its undercarriage appar ently hit airport warning lights. Nobody was injured.



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Letters to Mrs Lawrence can be sent to Snowdrop campaign and support © Frances Lawrence, 1996 The Times care of the Editor's office.



# My manifesto for the nation

my husband and decimated the lives of my children and myself. The violence we read about every day, that we knew Philip encountered in his work and which we had discussed in depth, had destroyed a man of profound understanding

and strength, a visionary.

Philip's pupils were denied an inspirational teacher who valued each of them as individuals with potential for greatness. It is a savage irony that Philip, whose values and example did so much to guide children through the maze of amorality, became, in one brutal moment, its victim. The values that he embodied must not die with

This is why I would wish to see the emergence of a nationwide movement, dedicated to healing our fractured society, banishing violence, ensuring that the next generation are equipped to be good citizens and urgently debating how the moral climate can be changed for the better. This "manifesto" contains no policies, pledges or plans of action: only my thoughts, observations and suggestions which I hope will be the stimuli to

debate and a new movement. Before his death, Philip and I had discussed how the slow deterioration of our civil society might be reversed. We were only too aware of how widespread lawlessness was. We were so deeply shocked by the murders of Jamie Bulger and Nikki Conroy: sweet innocents sacrificed to evil.

We sensed that there would be public support for action. Politicians have recently reflected a widespread concern about the fraying of civic bonds, the rise of moral relativism and an increase in violent crime. Thinkers and writers have argued for an abandonment of the "me" culture which has led to selfish individualism in many areas.

It would be unrealistic to suggest that we live in a world where selfinterested materialism is not a dominant factor. Of course it is,

Material productivity is not wrong - but if the society surrounding it is in decay then its enjoyment is fragile and fugitive. We appear to have lost any true correspondence between materialism and humanity. The nation seems engaged in a process of reduction - of values, of principles, almost, it sometimes seems to me,

of thought itself.

chaos, each of us must do what we can. Should this not be to turn energetically towards standards of decency and truth? Each of us has the potential to be

a force for good but I now believe that individual efforts are not enough and we need to rally the majority who have been silent for too long. I have been encouraged by the

thousands of letters I have received since Philip's death. In them is a yearning for action to restore a moral code to the centre of our national life. This is not nostalgia: it is an honest recognition that we are in danger of losing sight of fundamentals.

I am not calling for vociferous demonstrations, but a nationwide movement which encourages calm and quiet exploration of the problems and then campaigns intelligently for effective and effectual action. Its aim must be to overturn the culture of self-absorption in which others are treated as objects or impediments to our own satisfaction. Instead we must aim to nurture responsibility for ourselves

and for others. One of the most effective crime prevention measures is, surely, action to protect and encourage

family life. The strongest influences upon a child are the earliest. Every child is born with, as it were, a "tabula rasa". In their early years, the primal influences that surround them may be positive or negative. These two forces are diametrically opposed. We have to find a way of ensuring that the positive ones

For example, children may be nurtured within the simple warmth of the family. If they receive loving support within a context where gentle authority and natural affection prevail, then they will treat other people as worthy of interest and respect. Relationships of all kinds will be more fruitful and life will seem a matter of co-operation

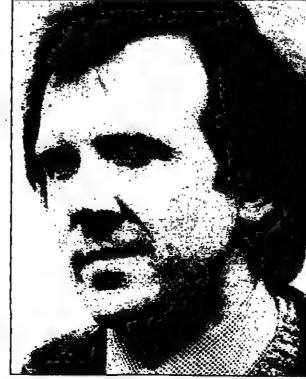
rather than a vicious competition. Deprived of the simple warmth of family life, however, children, for self-preservation, may have to seek refuge in the harsh, unfamiliar and tenuous camaraderie of the streets. Gangs, like those of the boy who murdered my husband, attract the unloved young and provide inane

and ugly occupation. Support for the family should be about more than making our streets safer in the future: it should

The murder of headmaster Philip Lawrence by a teenager last December prompted national outrage. Here, his widow, Frances Lawrence, outlines her vision for a better society and calls for Britain to unite in a nationwide movement for change

# THE AIMS

- Establish a nationwide movement to banish violence and encourage civic values
- Ban the sale of combat knives and close the shops that stock them
- Begin primary school
- lessons in good citizenship Raise the status of
- teachers and the police Governments must no longer be neutral on the
- family Parents must not allow children to lead separate
- lives within the home An emphasis in teaching on the three Es — effort, earnestness and excellence



Mrs Lawrence's favourite picture of her husband Philip

family. Families have a responsibility not to allow their homes to become atomised. Often, children are exiled to their rooms and kept quiet with videos or computer games which are substitutes for creative thought. Is it not horrifying to hear children airily dismiss reading books because they have information on a computer?

Indicative of this compartment culture is the fact that some schools find it necessary to hold "walk to school" campaigns, as so many children are ferried to school like freight behind plate glass.

It is a culture which deprives children of exploration so vital for growth. Further, it stunts appreciation of the natural world and denies the sense of awe which should be every child's heritage.

Philip believed that it was in raising the sights of the young that a redemptive process might begin. He chose to leave the independent sector for state schools because he

equally, as individuals with enor- be taught at an earlier stage in mous potential for good. The tragedy of Learco Chindamo is that there was no one, like Philip, to show him what he might be.

It is in school that much can be done to ensure that our children adopt the values on which our civilisation depends. It seems to me that education must have a dual aim: to develop academic excellence - and to create desirable citizens.

should like to see lessons in good citizenship begin very early in a child's school career. Schools should inculcate an appreciation of the civic bond, the respect we owe to others and the duties we owe to society. The futility of getting and spend-

ing should be contrasted with the real richness of building personal relationships and making a difference in one's community. Although good citizenship should be its own neward, perhaps as an initial incenof thought itself.

In the words of Sean O'Casey, "he whole world is in a state of chassis [chaos]." Faced with this crafford to be neutral about the sector for state schools because he sector for state schools because he wanted to work with children who were victims of low expectations.

His faith meant he valued them all, politics, in the broadest sense, should

schools and to a much wider range of pupils. I worry that too few people are encouraged to think seriously about the nature and progression of the country. There is a laziness abroad, a willingness to follow the cynical fashion which decries the three Es - effort. earnestness and excellence. I would hope to encourage an engagement with the important issues, a generation that thinks rigorously about the moral questions behind politics instead of taking refuge in sneering

If we allow our children to opt out, then politics will become ever more the province of the selfinterested and civic bonds will be placed under even greater strain.

Good politicians must be seen clearly and heard to speak in a language which, without for one moment compromising on standards, does not stigmatise individ-

uals or confuse the young. Instead, childen from an early age need to understand from the example of those in the public sphere that they cannot shirk hard choices in their private life.

As adults we may understand that dilemmas are not solved in three episodes of a soap opera. We have a duty to our children to explain how tough these moral choices sometimes are, instead of allowing them to absorb a bland. drive-thru McDonald's morality from the mass media.

The media also have a responsibility to face up to the consequences of their increasing reliance on an insidious barbarity in so many outlets. It is not just the casual violence of too many children's programmes, cartoons and computer games, but also the ugly imagery of so much advertising that concerns me. Television producers and advertisers should consider the consequences of harnessing such forces for commer-

cial ends. Teachers, like politicians, exert enormous influence. The status of politicians may be uncertain but that of teachers can be more clearly seen to have eroded over the years. Public perception has fed on the problems of bad teaching at the expense of the inspirational effect of good.

I would like to see a celebration of the many wonderful teachers we have in our schools and a greater awareness of what some of them have achieved. Of course we should be aware of the harm bad teaching does, but we must encourage

emulation of the best. Another profession whose status should be raised and whose voice should be increasingly heard is the police. Often they are thought of as authoritarian and even bullying. The suspicion exists that they are less than fair to some. My experience is totally removed from that Since my husband's murder they have acted tirelessly, unstintingly and with meticulous application to the truth. They have displayed qualities which go far beyond any textbook notion of duty to support and sustain the children and myself.

Demonstrable sensitivity and instinctive moral rapport convince me that theirs would be a civilising influence in a national debate. Rather than being an oppressive voice, the police speak for the vulnerable. They embody a notion of service that we should do everything to support. I hope any new civic movement can count on

their presence. One immediate and concrete concern that I share with police officers is the availability of weapons on our streets. I admire the

restrictions on gun ownership Guns are not, however, the only lethal weapons. My husband was

killed with a knife which should never have been in a child's hand. Is it not shocking to discover how easy it is to acquire battlefield blades which can have no function other than to be flourished by the inadequate and cowardly? Their sale should be forbidden and the shops that stock them closed. Is this

not, simply, common sense? I have laid out some tentative and personal observations. Obviously there is much more that I and others must say. Lack of space at this time, not significance, has meant that in this document I have not touched overtly upon religion. Its abiding values are, of course, of paramount importance and, I would hope, one leading principle of this document.

epresentatives of all faiths will be vital members of intuite desails would be arrogant of me bers of future debate. It to presume that I have said anything particularly piones ing. Necessarily, I have asked questions, not provided definitive

answers. I can only hope that what I have said may strike a chord and prompt others, better qualified than myself.

10 provide answers and leadership. In the Seventies, Northern Ireland saw citizens' power in action in the inspiring example of the

Peace People They did not win the peace they worked so hard for — but their public presence and agitation laid the seeds for the efforts towards peace which brought a respite and which may bring something more enduring.

By making a stand they reasserted that Ulster's majority wanted nothing to do with the violence committed in their name. I hope that if enough of us make a stand, we can build another kind of peace. Civic peace.

with a crash; as it grows, it makes no sound. The process of building is always by degrees but the process of destruction is sudden enough to command headlines.

My hope is that out of the terrible violence that pierced the heart of my family and generated such headlines, a new ethos may be constructed in which neglected virtues are reinstated and cher-

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# Baseball and the theory of evolution

America's national sport can throw fresh light on Darwin's thoughts, according to Stephen Jay Gould

aving seen off the passions. The puzzle he ad-Creator, science is now aiming its heavy artillery at the idea of progress. Dimly as most of us understand evolution, we tend to see it as a process of improvement, startg from single-celled creatures and ending with the glories of Western civilisation. How can such a transforma-Ted Williams in 1941. tion be seen as anything other than progress?

Easily, says Stephen Jay Gould in his latest book, Life's Grandeur. The truth is that natural selection. Darwin's great idea, offers no statement

about general **NIGEL HAWKES** progress, and provides no mechanism by which it could come about. Darwin himself was rejuctant to use the word evolution ar all because of its overtones of progress, preferring the

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with modification". He disliked labelling species as "higher" or "lower" and in a letter written in 1872 said: · After long reflection, I cannot actid the conviction that no instate tendency to progressive development exists. The recipient of that letter

was Alpheus Hyatt, who occupied the office at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard that now houses Professor Gould. This is the kind of historical echo that delights Gould, as readers of his many books will know. They reach their destination circuitously, through many byways overgrown with speculation and littered with longdisproven hypotheses.

Life's Grandeur is a good example, devoting almost half its space to baseball, which, along with Darwin and evolution, is one of Gould's Professor Gould. Their excep-

dresses is the disappearance of the 0.400 batter, a species that apparently went extinct more than half a century ago. A player with an average of 0.400, he explains in a forefor British readers, means four hits for every ten times at bat. Always rare and the mark of an extraordinary player, it was last achieved by

Does this mean that the quality of baseball players has declined? Not at all, since all the evidence suggests the opposite. Statistics suggest that baseball has shared the general improvement in

athletic performance shown by other sports. Professor Gould's argument is the paradoxical one that the heavy hitters have disappeared as a consequence not of

decline, but of im-

provement. As this

has happened, the bell curve of variance about the mean has narrowed, the extreme values on the right and left tails of the curve being shaved off. The mean - a batting average of 0.260 - has remained fixed as the rules have been adjusted to maintain a balance between batters and hitters. But instead of the averages of all batters being distributed in a flattish curve about this mean, it has become a much skinnier curve. The extremes, awful batters at one end and outstanding ones at the other, have been swallowed up. The

statistics to prove this are in the Baseball Encyclopedia. the Wisden of the game, and Professor Gould used a spell in bed recovering from cancer in the early 1980s to extract and plot them. The regularity of the baseball data stunned

tional smoothness and perfect fit with the hypothesis makes them look, he writes, "like a law of nature". He assumes that at the upper end of the batting averages there is a "wall" - a limit on human performance that constrains ultimate achievement. Squeezed by this wall, the curve that covers the averages of all major league batters has become steeper and narrower. The ability to outperform the rest by achieving a 0.400 average has been lost.

Similar arguments, though turned inside out, underlie the evolution of living things. Here Gould's target is the idea of evolution as progress. which he sees as a heresy. He quotes with a shiver some words by Edward O Wilson: "Progress is a property of the evolution of life by almost any conceivable intuitive standard. including the acquisition of goals and intentions in the behaviour of animals . . . let us not pretend to deny in our our hearts to be true."

The world as we see it does seem to provide clear evidence of progress. Not only are mammals much larger and more sophisticated than the single-celled creatures with which life began, but at the top of the pyramid stands the human species with its highly developed intelligence. Looking at a particular spe-

cies more narrowly also seems to convey the same message. One of the oldest-established theories in palaeontology, devised by the 19th-century American fossil-hunter Edward Cope, is that species tend to get bigger as they evolve. The best way of testing this is to look at a species that has persisted for a long time. and the oceanic protozoans called Formanifera (or "fo-



rams") provide a good example. Many studies do seem to show that they have got bigger over the years, but a closer look at the data shows this to be wrong, Gould says. In this case, the distribution

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sizes is constrained by a "wall" that lies on the left of the curve, since there is a minimum size for all species. A more detailed look at the data shows that while the largest foram at any point in evolution gets bigger, the smaller species remain the largest numerically. What we are seeing is not a general increase in size, but an increase in variability, in the range of sizes. Evolution starts with a narrow bell curve of variability, which gradually broadens. we concentrate on the extreme right edge of the curve the largest forams — then there does appear to be an increase over time. But if we look at the totality of the genus, what is happening is a spreading of variability, not

an overall increase in size.

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Gould's argument over We cannot say. progress. because a distribution has a more far-flung extreme, that it has progressed. Life began with bacteria, and bacteria are still the commonest life form. found in billions in a gram of garden soil and packed 100,000 per square centimetre of human skin. There has not really been an Age of Reptiles, or an Age of Mammals, says

Gould: every age has been the

Age of Bacteria.

If the tape of evolution could be run again, bacteria would still dominate but there is no reason to believe that vertebrates, or man, would emerge at all, he argues. The chances that this alternative set of species would contain anything remotely like a human being "must be effectively nil". We are very lucky indeed to be

The extraordinary thing about this argument is that it would have seemed obvious to Darwin, Never a believer in

This is the essence of the inevitability of progress, he did not emphasise this unpal-atable view for fear of alarming Victorian society. He had deposed God, and that was enough; to demolish the idea of biological progress was too shocking to contemplate, as it remains for many people today. There is a grandeur in this view of life" he declared, providing Gould's title. It is a measure of our attachment to the idea of progress that it has taken more than a century to understand what he really

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# 'I felt sorry for Paula. I was wrong. She was tough'

Fergie, dear, dear Hall. Both of them darlings. They've saved me. Saved me from more headlines. At last, I'm off the front

Gerry Agar pats the spot that is her heart, somewhere beneath her leopard-print jacket, and sighs in relief. A perfectly natural reaction in the circumstances from one who has escaped from a potentially godawful scenario.

You see, Gerry found herself somewhat marooned recently, facing a moral crossroads is how she puts it. I'm assuming, by the way, you are aware that after a year, she has resigned as PR supremo to Paula Yates and Michael Hutchence, Splendid, Then obviously you know

her resignation was prompted by a police raid on Paula's Chelsea house — the one she once shared with Bob Geldof and their three daughters and now lives in with Michael and their new daughter, Heavenly Haraani Tiger Lily.

And how the police raid is subsequently alleged to have uncovered a quantity of opium and a set of interesting photographs of Paula and her INXS rocker lover.

Now can we return to the moral highway? "There were two roads, theirs and mine," explains Gerry, who is fashionably pale and thin and frightfully intense in a New Age way.

Smart, knowing, at the cutting edge of the PR world, is close to Gerry's self-image, the one she's portraying as she sits cross-legged on her neigh-bour's bed with a look that perhaps can be best described as philosophical. What do you mean, what is

she doing on her neighbour's bed? She's in hiding from the press. So why is she talking to ... Because this is an interview, an in-depth piece exploring Gerry's real views and thoughts on Paula. Please continue Gerry: "For me there was only one road. I'm afraid. The road of standards. I come from a family who served in India. you see. My childhood in

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Gerry Agar wanted to make Paula Yates a star, but she resigned instead. Interview by Noreen Taylor Picture by **Peter Nichols** 



"Paula and Michael must admit they are evolving"

Cornwall was practically Victorian. Now I feel proud, perhaps a little frightened. But i have taken a stand.

"I handed my life over to Paula. Was at her beck and call round the clock. Telephones all night, and at weekends. My children, my life, my friends: everything went on hold. My position was similar to that of poor Jane Atkinson who worked for Diana, Princess of Wales, before she was fired. Now, at last, I can concentrate on my other clients. too." A busy PR woman

ty, my dedication was never in question. Paula can be a very

How so? With you? Michael? "Oh, with me. Nothing was quite how I assumed it would be ... They thought I was sweet because I used to ask if they thought I should let someone kiss me after a fourth date." Gerry is a 35-year-old divorcée with two children, Tom and Sophie, and remains on civilised terms with her exhusband, Nicholas Forrester

Agar, a Lloyd's broker. Tom, who is eight, used to go to school with Pixie Geldof, Paula's four-year-old daughter, which is how she and Paula met. Tom is now a new boy at Ludgrove, Prince Har-

o why did Gerry, who insists she's not really prude, become involved with Paula in the first place? "Because I felt sorry for Paula and knew she was awfully unhappy with Bob. Paula's a very needy person. Someone with a big, deep emotional hole that constantly needs filling, who's never found true contentment since the hole is insatiable.

"Paula knew of my skills. She needed me. She desperately wanted a television show of her own. But no one would even see her.

The reactions of television companies when I came on the scene was one of 'we're talking damaged goods here'. A passé female, yesterday's woman is what they meant. Right. And I felt sorry for her, protective, but then that's me. I was wrong. Paula was much tougher, much more resilient than my early impressions.

cople. I'd describe myself as a bit of a helper, a people person. OK, call me gullible. I told Paula and Michael that the public needed to redirect their way of seeing them.

"I said if you want to get back into TV. Paula, do a column for someone other then? "Can't help it, I'm afraid. Adore networking. Paula than The Sun. Maybe the Mail. or The Express. Young. knew that, said I was practicaring mother stuff would be more appropriate because all the public is seeing now is someone who's left Saint Bob for a rock star. She's awfully intelligent, Paula.

"I spoke to television people, urging them to give her a chance, stressing her unpredictability, her originality, her good viewing, and boy, does she sell papers! It worked. Before the drug bust, my fax machine was inundated with television offers for her."

Gerry hastens to add that she did not countenance that embarrassing appearance of Paula's on Have I Got News For You when Deayton, Hislop & Co smelt blood, aimed their knives, and went on to slash her into bite-sized

Resculpting Michael's public profile proved even more irksome. "His management couldn't see past the heavy a social setting. All surprising-



"Paula's a very needy person. Someone with a big, deep emotional hole that constantly needs filling. She needed me

rock number. I kept saying, 'Michael, you do not beat up photographers.' After all he's 38, hardly rock's wild youth. 'Michael, you speak to journalists as though they are your friends, not ogres.' This business is about contacts, credit building. So I threw a series of drinks parties in my home so that he might meet the press in

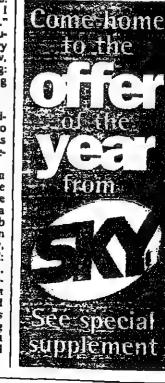
changed after he was caught looking round Benenden as a potential school for his daughter, Jade. Just so happens Princess Anne went there. Overnight, what do you have? Sophisticated awareness, of course. Then he's seen at a couple of art galleries.

of remake I had envisaged for Michael. In one interview, I talked of how he had read Baroness Thatcher's memoirs, described him as a genius. Wildcan, appreciated by only a few artists, gays and aristos. "I'd practically turned his image around. When the baby was born, I pushed him towards reporters who gathered at the hospital. After that he looked so good, a bloody hero,

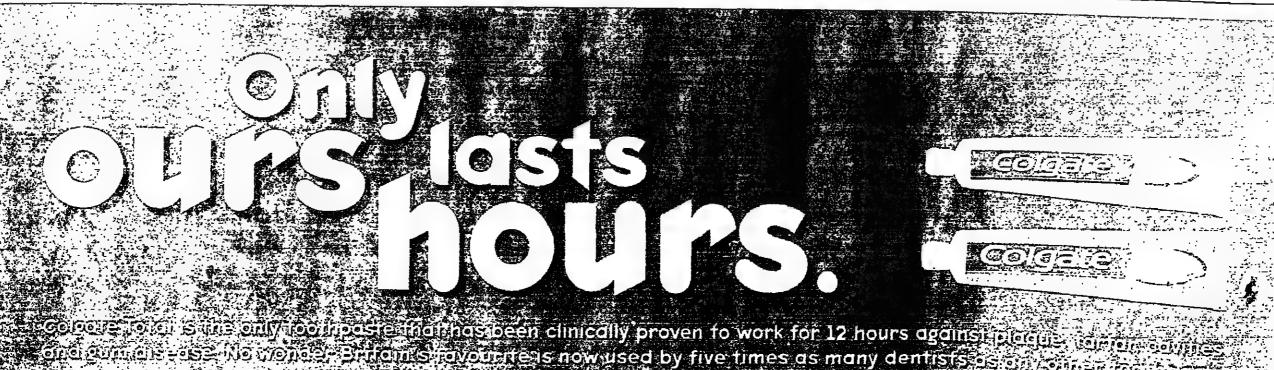
new Dr Spock practically. Now. I'm afraid it's all collapsed. He's started hitting photographers again. You see, I'm naive. Paula never drank or smoked. When we went out together, it would be to a quiet little Italian restaurant, where Make myself a fortune if I chose to. But I'm not going to."

When asked to forecast Paula and Michael's future, Gerry looks out of the window, meaningfully, before replying: "Sad, really, if I'm being

hen suddenly, sad-ness gives way to "And that's exactly the kind jaunty optimism, as though she has received some inner message. "What Michael and Paula must do is admit openly: 'We are evolving, give us time. We are moving forward in a productive way.' Just as Bob has done. He took the children to their house in the country, sat them down and said: 'Look, there's a story going on, that's why all the photographers are outside. We must accept what's happening and work round it. Now that's what I mean about moving forward." If you live on Planet PR, then I'm sure it's all terribly clear.







less finite than our-selves. Often they sit on

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dust long after the writer has surned into a handful of dust - and

it is precisely the appetite for this posthumous dimension that sets

So as we toss and turn these

rectangular objects in our hands we won't be terribly amiss if we surmise that we fondle, as it were,

the urns with our returning ashes.

After all, what goes into writing a

book is, ultimately, a man's only life. Whoever said that to

philosophise is an exercise in dying

was right in more ways than one.

for by writing a book nobody gets

Nor does one become any youn-ger by reading one. Since this is so,

our natural preference should be

for good books. The paradox,

however, lies in the fact that in

literature "good" is defined by its distinction from "bad". What's

more, to write a good book, a writer

must read a great deal of pulp -

otherwise he won't be able to

develop the necessary criteria.

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literature's best defence at the Last

Since we are all moribund, and

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allows us a semblance of economy.

Of course, there is no denying the pleasure of holing up with a fat, slow-

moving, mediocre novel; but in the

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"Literature started with poetry, with the song of a nomad that predates the scribblings of a settler"

# in literature one must first learn to read poetry — the most concise way of conveying the human experience How to read a book

When the Nobel prizewinner Joseph Brodsky died in January, the world lost one of its finest poets. In the first of two excerpts from his collected essays, he argues that to develop good taste

> constellations - dim or bright but always remote. This, however, takes a hell of a lot of time and you may easily find yourself old and grey, heading for the exit with a lousy volume under your arm.

So where is one's terra firma. even though it may be but an uninhabitable island? Where is our good Man Friday? Before I come up with my suggestion. I'd like to say a few words about this solution's source, ie, about my humble self - not because of my personal vanity, but because I believe that the value of an idea is related to the context in which it emerges. Indeed, had I been a publisher, I'd be putting on my books' covers not only their authors' names but also the exact age at which they composed this or that work, to enable their readers to decide whether they care to reckon with the views contained in a book written by a person so much younger — or so much older — than themselves.

oscillates wildly. What is north for The source of the suggestion to some is south for others. The trouble come belongs to the category of with a reviewer is threefold: (a) he people for whom literature has can be a hack, and as ignorant as always been a matter of some ourselves; (b) he can have strong hundred names; to the people who feel awkward at large gatherings, do not dance at parties, tend to find predilections for a certain kind of writing or simply be on the take with the publishing industry; and (c) if he metaphysical excuses for adultery, is a writer of talent, he will turn his and are finicky about discussing review writing into an independent politics; the people who dislike art form - Jorge Luis Borges is a themselves far more than their case in point - and you may end up detractors do; who still prefer reading reviews rather than the alcohol and tobacco to heroin or marijuana — those who, in W. H. in any case, you find yourselves Auden's words, "one will not find adrift in the ocean, clinging to a raft whose ability to stay alloat you are on the barricades and who never shoot themselves or their lovers". If not so sure of. The alternative. such people occasionally find themtherefore, would be to develop your selves swimming in their blood on the floor of prison cells or speaking own taste, to build your own compass, to familiarise yourself, as from a platform, it is because they

They have no illusions about the objectivity of their views; on the contrary, they insist on their unpardonable subjectivity. They act in this fashion, however, not for the purpose of shielding themselves from possible attack. Taking the stance opposite to Darwinian they consider vulnerability the primary trait of living matter. This has less to do with masochistic tendencies than with their instinctive knowledge that extreme subjectivity, prejudice, and indeed idiosyncrasy are what help art to avoid cliché. And the resistance to cliché is what distinguishes art

ow that you know the background of what I am about to say, I may just as well say it: The way to develop good taste in literature is to read poetry. If you think that I am speaking out of orofessional partisanship, you are mistaken: I am no union man. The point is that being the supreme form of human locution, poetry is not only the most concise way of conveying the human experience; it also offers the highest possible standards for any linguistic operation - especially one on paper.

The more one reads poetry, the less tolerant one becomes of any sort of verbosity. A child of epitaph and epigram, poetry is a great disciplinarian to prose. It teaches the latter not only the value of each word but also the mercurial mental patterns of the species, alternatives to linear composition, the knack of omitting the self-evident, emphasis on detail, the technique of anti-

in prose that appetite for metaphysies which distinguishes a work of art from mere belles lettres.

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Please, don't get me wrong: I am not trying to debunk prose. The truth of the matter is that literature started with poetry, with the song of a nomad that predates the scribblings of a settler. All I am trying to do is to be practical and spare your eyesight and brain cells a lot of useless printed matter. Poetry, one might say, has been

invented for just this purpose.

All you have to do is arm yourselves with the works of poets in your mother tongue, preferably from the first half of this century, and you will be in great shape.
If your mother tongue is English.

I might recommend to you Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy, W. B. Yeats, T. S. Eliot, W.H. Auden, Marianne Moore and Elizabeth Bishop.

If the language is German, Rainer Maria Rilke and Gottfried Benn. If it is Spanish, Federico Garcia Lorea and Octavio Paz will do. If the language is Polish - or if you know Polish (which would be to your great advantage, because the most extraordinary poetry of this century is written in that language) — I'd like to mention Leopold Staff and Wislawa

Szymborska. If it is French, then of course Guillaume Apollinaire. If it is Greek, then you should read Constantine Cavafy. If it is Dutch, then it should be Martinus Nijhoff. If it is Portuguese, you should read Fernando Pessoa. If it is Russian, Marina Tsvetaeva and Boris Pasternak. If it is Italian, Salvatore Quasimodo and Eugenio Montale.

If, after going through the works of any of these, you drop a book of prose picked from the shelf, it won't be your fault. If you continue to read it, that will be to the author's credit; that will mean that this author has something to add to the truth about our existence. Or else, it would mean that reading is your incurable addiction. As addictions go, it is not the worst.

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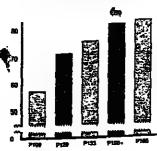


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Richard Cork, one of the contributors, leafs through the 34 volumes of the monumental Dictionary of Art

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acquire by far the most comprehensive reference work on art ever published. Its straightforward title, The Dictionary of Art, gives little idea of the epic scope encompassed by the 34 volumes. They contain a total of 26 million words, written by more than 6.700 scholars from 120 countries. Their entries, including biographies of 3,700 architects, 9,000 painters and 2,500 ulptors, are accompanied by 15,000 illustrations. It is a remarkably ambitious attempt to sum up current knowledge about everything from prehistoric cave painting to multimedia installations of

The statistics are mindboggling, and the complete set MILLIAMIN

of books certainly looked awesome when ranged for my een and gold at Macmillan's London headquarters. But do the entries themselves, and the subjects they tackle, really live up to the claim of the editor, Jane Shoaf Turner, that "The Dictionary of Art not only presents the most up-to-date scholarship and research, but also accurately reflects recent

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changes that have dramatically reshaped the political map

At this point, as the author of 12 entries, I should declare an interest. But my contribution seems puny when set in the context of the whole series. and I played no part in the deliberations of the editorial advisory board.

My principal fear was that the dictionary, 15 years in the

Western modernists such as Picasso. One of the dictionary's most heartening qualities lies in its readiness to discuss little-

Western in its overall perspec-

Africa. It will satisfy the appe-

known artists. Lawrence Atkinson, a remarkable pioneer of abstract painting and sculpture in Britain, will be unfamaking, would be incurably miliar to most readers. But I was invited to contribute an tive. To Turner's great credit, though, she has ensured that it entry on his work, and the rest of the dictionary is replete with is international in the fullest similar surprises. Amused by the title on the spine of Volume The very first volume makes its breadth impressively clear 19, Leather to Macho. I looked inside and discovered that by devoting more than 200 Victorio Macho (1887-1966) pages to a magisterial entry on was a Spanish sculptor who enjoyed considerable esteem tite aroused by the Royal in his own country.

and gets away from the repre-hensible notion that African

art is only interesting because of its powerful influence on

Such inclusions give the dictionary a constantly refreshing air, and even the entries on major artists manage to escape predictability. Take the article on the Van Evcks, whose responsibility for the great 15th-century altarpiece in Ghent has been a scholarly battleground for cen-turies. Many historians have claimed that it was, essentially, a collaborative achievement. Here, however, it is argued with considerable authority that Hubert Van Evck was its principal creator, and that his far more renowned younger brother Jan simply finished some of the panels after Hubert's death.

Any art publication with claims to vitality is likely to reflect and contribute to current debates about the writing of history. Issues relating to gender and sexuality are vigorously debated in many university courses, and the presence on the dictionary's editorial panel of the leading feminist writer Whitney Chad

> **6** It would be wrong to present the dictionary as trendy 🤊

wick has ensured that the topic of Women and Art History receives a substantial airing. So does an entry called Gay and Lesbian Art, illustrated by images ranging from Michelangelo's sensual drawing of The Rape of Ganymede to idyll Peter Getting Out of Nick's Pool. Erotic art in general fares even better. The 15 pages devoted to its explora-tion embrace primordial images of the ithyphallic god at one end of the timescale and Gilbert & George's Naked Love at the other.

But it would be wrong to present the dictionary as a selfconsciously trendy publication. The overall presentation is sober, based on solid research rather than fashionable speculation. And it succeeds in performing that most difficult of balancing acts, satisfying specialists while at the same time remaining accessible to the general reader.

The prolonged gestation period presumably accounts for the absence of young artists who have come to prominence in the 1990s. Among the new British sculptors, for instance, I searched in vain for Damien Hirst or Rachel Whiteread, and even the older Antony Gormley has been left out.

But no enterprise of this size should ever be expected to catch up with the latest wave



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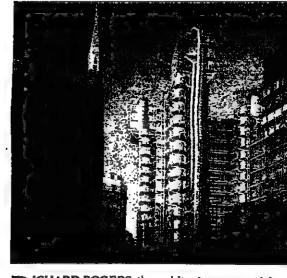
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of artists. Its true strength rests in an ability to span the broadest possible historical sweep with magisterial assurance. Although the texts have been translated from 26 languages, they are lucid, and I often found myself delighted by topics as diverting as the Artist's House. Its illustrations commence with Federica Zuccaro's Palazzo Zuccari in Rome, where the garden entrance is transformed into a monster's gaping mouth, and terminate in Santa Monica with the dramatically splintered home that Frank Gehry built seven years ago.

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**ARTS TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

# Top maestro for London

Christoph von Dohnányi has been

appointed as the Philharmonia's

principal conductor. John Allison reports

hen Christoph von Dohnanyi steps out in from of the Philharmonia Orchestra tomorrow night, ears and eyes will be focused even more intently than usual on the distinguished musician. His Festival Hall concert will coincide with the announcement that he is to become the orchestra's principal conductor from next September, excellent news both for the Philharmonia and the wider musical scene in London.

Dohnanyi, currently the orchestra's principal guest conductor, is as delighted as anyone, and recalls that from the moment he first worked with the Philharmonia in 1992 "the chemistry was just right". But since he could go anywhere he wanted, why is he tying himself to a city where orchestral the Philharmonia's £700,000 Arts Council grant is still relative peanuts — is shamefully low?

"London's orchestral situation is not easy, but it's very interesting. I think the state-supported arts system will change in the rest of Europe too. We see it already in Germany; and France and Austria are not far behind — already from sponsorship. We might as well learn how to make the best of it.

The great thing about music is that it moves on. With Brahms, for instance, we must have the Brahms of our day. I'm not really interested in the Brahms of his day — we are different now. Art will have to adjust without losing its power. Most people just bitch about this situation, but the Philharmonia and the South Bank are positive, they try hard. One can never do everything one wants, but the important thing is to want something." This sort of positive leadership is just what the Philharmonia needs after the

THE Berlioz/Dutilleux festival was obviously never going to be a bestseller, but Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic could reasonably have hoped for more inieresi irom ine Manchester public.

The excitement associated with the opening of the Bridgewater Hall is such that, Dilleux concerts, the BBC Philharmonic had to beat a late retreat to an auditorium a fifth of the size at the Royal Northern College of Music. But there is something about the British character — and,

Dohnányi: "One can never do everything one wants, but the important thing is to want something"

battering its morale took during Giuseppe Sinopoli's reign and in the aftermath of his departure. Though Riccardo Muti, who raised the orchestra to new heights during the 1970s and early 1980s, was a hard act to follow, Sinopoli's biggest problem was his inexperience in the regular diet of symphonic repertory. The 67-year-old Dohnanyi wili bring vast experience to the job, but he is even more than a technically brilliant, inspiring conductor and a tough orchestral trainer. His steady way up through German opera houses, notably at Frankfurt and Hamburg, and success as music director of the Cleveland Orchestra - a post he will still hold - have given him managerial and political know-how.

evidently, the French as well some warms to such disas-

the admirers of

Berlioz and Dutilleux put to-

gether were scarcely enough

to fill even this small hall, the

than inspired. Henri Dutil-

leux, celebrating his eightieth

birthday, professed himself

pleased with the performance

of his Second Symphony by an

orchestra "très attentionné"

and if Berlioz had been there,

The Dohnányi appointment is a coup for the Philharmonia. Its managing director, David Whelton, cites the orchestra's residency at the South Bank as "a crucial factor in enabling us to offer him the right conditions. London orchestras lead such pressured, peripatetic lives that they need someone with confidence and vision and the ability to realise it."

After Whelton, few people could be happier with the appointment than the South Bank's chief executive, Nicholas Snowman. "Dohnanyi's got everything all the great conductors have, but also a real intellectual curiosity. There's his commitment to modern music, and there's nothing wrong with hearing Brahms properly played."

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impressed by both the acc-

uracy of the playing and the

explosive proximity of Harold

in terms of language, the

Second Symphony is not

en Italie in this small space.

Dohnányi's programmes have a complexion different from those of most conductors. Though his contract will run for an initial two years, plans are in place beyond that for cycles combining Bartók with Beethoven and Haydn, and Mendelssohn with Strauss. His semi-staged Moses und Aron on Sunday should whet appetites for the projected Second Viennese School series in 1998-99.

Most intriguingly, there is the Haydn-Nono cycle planned for the turn of the century. Two very important composers, both under-represented in the repertory. Neither is a hit with the public, but I feel that London is just the kind of city where we might get an ship between the orchestra at

> large and a smaller group of instrumentalists but also in the unpredictability of its emotional continuity If Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic would bave

been better off in the Dutilleux with more space on the platform to separate the larger and smaller orchestral groups, Bruno Pasquier must have been happy that for once part of Harold en Italie was clear and close-up to every member of the audience.

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# DANCE: A night of Ravel opens the Royal Ballet season

# Mixed fortunes

The Covent Garden ballet season opened on I Friday night not with a blockbuster, but with a mixed bill celebrating the music of Ravel. Not only did we get four hallets set to Ravel scores, we also got an encyclopaedic browse through the Royal Ballet's staff roster. There were no fewer than seven principal dancers on stage. along with three first soloists. And there would have been even more had four leading dancers not had to be replaced

due to injury and motherhood. This made rather a hash of La Valse, which opened the programme. With so many changes to the scheduled cast, Ashton's brilliant little ballet was bound to suffer. With the notable exception of Christina McDermott, the dancers did not have the measure of the period style - the women looked far too sturdy to swoon - and neither did they grasp the gathering stormelouds that would soon put an end to

Christopher Wheeldon is a young British choreographer with New York City Ballet, is obviously keen to maintain ties with Covent Garden. His first piece for the Royal Opera House (he has already made work for the Royal Ballet's

Ravel Bill Covent Garden

Dance Bites regional tour) is set to Pavane pour une Infante Défunte, a familiar Ravel tune whose dreamy melodies promised much schmaltzy whose dreamy dancing. In fact, although the choreography is old-fash-ioned, it is none the worse for being so. Wheeldon's pas de deux, full of drifting arabesques and wispy turns, pos-

their life of carefree waltzing.

who, although he now dances

as Jonathan Cope tries to tame Darcey Bussell's free spirit. Bob Crowley's upside-down arum lily sets the tone for a pleasingly stylish work.

La Fin du Jour, choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan in 1979, is a strange and silly work that does no credit to MacMillan's reputation. Inpired by the fashion plates of the Thirties, and set among a social milieu where one spent one's day changing outfits, Fin du Jour has neither flair nor élan. The cast looked uncomfortable with its poses and some of its more peculiar vocabulary; only Leanne Ben-jamin managed to ignite a spark of flirtatiousness.

By now, an evening of Ravel's music was beginning to pall. Fortunately, Emanuel Plasson (who shared the evening's conducting duties with Anthony Twiner) was in the pit for Daphnis and Chioë. Plasson made colourful work of Ravel's score and the company responded with its best performance of the evening. Sarah Wildor was excep-tionally lovely as Chloë, while Stuart Cassidy's Daphnis was even more sympathetic than

see Irek Mukhamedov as the

lusty pirate chief Bryaxis.

**DEBRA CRAINE** 

# JAZZ: Riffing in London and vamping in New York

Adam Cooper and Leanne

Benjamin in Fin du Jour

woven by Harry Edison's muted trumpet are among the most recognisable sounds in popular music. Three or four notes are enough to establish his identity, and anyone who has heard his obbligatos on albums by Sinatra and Billie Holiday will know how effective his brand of understatement can be.

At Pizza Express, where his quintet is in residence until Friday, he kept his audience waiting through three fast to medium-fast numbers on open horn, plus a solo feature by his partner, saxophonist Red Holloway, before finally brandishing his mute. It was vorth the wait

Playing cat and mouse with the tempo on I Wish I Knew Someone Like You, he nimbly side-stepped into the theme of the Basie standard Shiny Stockings and made his exit with one of his genial trademark riffs, descending to little more than a whisper above Andy Cleyndert's double-bass. The three opening pieces, on the other hand, exposed some

horn of plenty of his physical frailties. Having just celebrated his eightyfirst birthday, and now obliged to play seated, he cannot be expected to hit notes

ethic. In the 1950s his dramatic use of space and percussive chords offered an alternative to the machine-gun right hand of bop orthodoxy. Jamai's recent return to his acoustic roots on the Telarc disc Chicago Revisited was a stylish riposte to all the critics who accused him of being a mere cocktail entertainer. Unfortunately, his set at the Iridium in New York did tend to slip into

limbed Idris Muhammad at the drums promised an exceptional evening, but this was a group that smouldered quietly without bursting into flame. Still. On Broadway formed an ideal vehicle for Jamai's twotions as unusual as Ellington's Second Line. We should be able to expect better things from the line-up, featuring

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# Matthew Parris



Should religion be allowed to broadcast its fundamental beliefs in this insensitive way?

ontroversy continues to rage over the con-Radio 4's Thought for the Day by a popular young itinerant preacher known simply as Paul. Describing homosexuality as "that which is unseemly", Paul (in an open letter "to the Romans") hit out at those men who "burned in their lust toward one another", and told his audience of the loathing and contempt such practices merited.

The broadcast, Romans i.21, has caused outrage. "It is not as if this self-appointed guardian of public morality attempted a thoughtful case for modesty or restraint," said a member of the Gay Christian Movement, for argued for the expression of same-sex orientation only within a loving

relationship. "Paul's broadcast was calculated to incite popular hatred towards hundreds of thousands of fellow Christians - churchgoers, even priests, among them. It was negative tone of this selfstyled missionary that he

should choose a widely respected programme to spread his message of intolerance.

venom for Other Anglican those Christians sed disquiet not so much about whom he Paul's giving thinks voice to opinions for which a theoheretical logical case can

be made, as at his within his own Church. This is not the first time that Paul has reserved a special venom for fellow Christians, many of whom he

sees as lax and heretical. Paul is no stranger to controversy. A previous broadcast on Thought for the inthians (I, xiv.34) caused a groups when Paul hit out at women who speak in church, "Let your women keep silent in the churches," he said. "and if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." A number of women's organisations organised a petition to John Birt, demanding that all of Paul's speeches even his less controversial "love is not proud" oration

-- be banned from the BBC. Paul's outburst last year against women generally - "silly women, laden with sins, led away with diverse lusts" - is currently the subject of a complaint to the Broadcasting Standards Council. It formed part of a Sunday broadcast, Letter to Timothy (11, iii.6).

Few at the BBC will forget the row that broke out after the hugely popular and generally conciliatory preacher Jesus of Nazareth, stung by criticism that he had accepted a gift of much-prized Ointment of Spikenard when the money would have been better spent on the relief of poverty (John xii.5) snapped "The poor ye have always with you, but me ye have not always." As Christian Aid pointed out, Mr Nazareth appeared to have made an error of logic, since it is only as a category that the poor may be said to be always with us.

while any individual poor person is likely to have a below-average lifespan. A representative of the charity Shelter quipped bitterly: "The preachers ye have always with you, but Albert Jones, who lives in a cardboard box on the Strand, ye have not always." After representations from Barnardo's, Age Concern, the Child Poverty Action Group and the Christian Socialist Movement, the BBC issued an apology for Mr Naza-

reth's unfeeling remark. it was not the first climbdown. The most memorable came after a certain Mr Moses, speaking on Thought for the Day and claiming to be a spokesman for God, declared: "Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper." After a barrage of complaints from virtually all the disabled

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and medical charities in Britain, the BBC was forced to dissociate itself from Mr Moses's retraction came as embarrassment, however, as Mr Moses's "Ten Commandments" lished (Moses

claimed) by the habit of attacking elements same divine command had proved a popular and durable text on the BBC's religious programmes.

fter the "levers" gaffe, Radio 4 moved quickly to rescind its contract with Mr Ezekiel. whose outbursts against es — of "w said (xvi.38) they should storm among feminist be "stoned with stones and thrust through with swords" -- jammed Broad-House switchboards. Thousands complained about tastelessness in light of the "Yorkshire Ripper" case, and the English Collective of Prostitutes

organised a demonstration. STOP PRESS. According to a leaked internal memo. John Birt has acted quickly to forestall another major row over Thought for the Day. A talk has been shelved in which Mr Moses, repeating his claim to be God's mouthpiece, describes gay men as "an abomination". Programme producers are believed to have advised Mr Birt that mayhem might result if Moses's further thoughts on homosexuality were broad-cast. Lev xviii 22: "The land thereof vomiteth out its

inhabitants." Memo to the BBC's director of religious broadcasting: try, if you wish, to strip away from religion its surface layers of prejudice, decisiveness and illusion, but take care lest you are left with nothing. You might as well peel an onion in pursuit

# An antiquated Vatican pronouncement lies behind the corporatism and faulty economics of Europe

wish bishops would not talk about politics, and that politi-cians would not talk about religion. It is not because I want to de-prive either group of their proper freedom of speech, but because they will not do their homework. When politicians talk about religion they usually, though not always, reveal that they have given the subject only superficial thought, and done too little reading. Bishop are even worse on politics. Where ignorance is bliss, tis folly to be wise - or so they seem

I have never yet come across a bishop, of any denomination, who had made any serious study of economic theory, or could conceivably pass an Economics A-level. Perhaps there will be some bishops, possibly even Roman Catholics, reading this article. Let me ask them some questions. Have you ever read Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations? Have you ever read Maynard Keynes's General Theory? Do the phrases "division of labour", "marginal utility", "market clearing", or "liquidity preference" have any meaning for you? These are not modern questions. They do not take us into the cybernetic age of the 1990s. These are the elementary books and concepts that an informed undergraduate might have acquired 50 years ago, when bishops were still boys,

Let me give an example of the difficulties that can arise. The Roman Catholic social doctrine — which has no theological claim to infallibility has deep roots in the static or slowly changing society of the Middle Ages. At that time, the Church tried to redress some of the brutal inequalities of the feudal system by extending the principles of justice. That was a good

thing to do. It led to the concept of the just wage, which now expresses itself in the demand for a minimum wage. To someone who has read canon law and the philosophy of Thomas

contribute to justice and welfare in society, and prevent employers from exploiting the weakness of their employees' bargaining position. There are powerful arguments of this kind to be made. Yet an economist - any economist - would immediately see that raising the minimum price of labour would reduce its marginal sale, just as raising the price for any commodity will reduce its sale. There must be a trade-off between any effective minimum wage and unem-

ployment; the higher the minimum

wage the higher the unemployment will be. The just wage theory is therefore inherently a high unem-

olovment theory.

One can see this at the extremes. Put the minimum wage at 5p an hour and it will have no effect on pay or unemployment. Put it at £1,000 an hour and unemployment will rise close to 100 per cent — only a few supermodels can earn as much as that. The theologian may ask what constitutes a just wage; the economist will ask how much unemployment a iven minimum wage will cause This is not merely a theoretical debate. In France, Italy and Spain, where the labour market is much more regulated than in Britain, unemployment is much higher. Roman Catholic bishops seldom say that they would accept the higher unemployment that would follow

from the just wage.
Roman Catholic social theory is

How Pope Leo XIII hobbled the EU Pope Leo XIII in May 1891. It may

> before the motor industry, the aeroplane, radio or television, or the widespread use of electricity.
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> Even then the doctrine looked back to traditional Catholic philosophy rather than being informed with any contemporary economic theory. Re

have been a defensible document for

its time, the late Steam Age; that is

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William Rees-Mogg

ances of the working class, which were real enough, rejects socialism and upholds private property. So far so good. It goes on to advocate a cor-poratist solution, founded on the combined action of the Church, the State, employers and the employed. The Church was to be responsible for social doctrines: the State had a duty to intervene in the interests of social justice; employers and employees should form trade associations, trade unions and mixed corporatist bodies.

These corporatist doctrines have had great influence in Catholic countries, and on Catholic political parties

Democrats. They formed the basis of the economic structures of Fascist Italy and Spain. They have also pro-vided the philosophical justification for the underlying economic philosophy of the European Union, which is neither socialist nor free market, but corporatist in character, as Britain was until 1979. Though he did not express himself in these terms, Harold Wilson was a corporatist.

If the Roman Catholic bishops had explored the economic arguments against corporatism, they would have found a formidable case to answer. Corporatism robs two other institutions of their power. It robs the market of the power to allocate resources, and transfers decisions about allocations to bureaucratic regulatory systems: these systems are agreed between interested parties of producers at the expense of the consumer. Even more significantly, corporatism transfers economic power from elected parliaments to those bureaucratic decision-makers. The EU's common agricultural policy is an example of both types of transfer, as

will be the proposed single currency.

The bishops have not begun to tackle the arguments against bureaucratic allocations of resources and in favour of the market. Perhaps because ecclesiastical hierarchies are inherently bureaucratic, bishops seem to have an excessive tolerance for other bureaucracies. They do not see the state bureaucrats as nonproductive overheads which ought to

be reduced to a minimum. They

certainly do not see the market as a highly efficient communications syxtem with access to maximum in mation about consumer preferences and with an automatic feedback and control through the price mechanism. They fail to see that any bureaucracy is a much less efficient communication system. They do not think in these terms at all. For them. information theory is not a closed book but an unopened one.

In 1891, the Roman Catholic Church was still in the aftermath of the loss of the papal territories and of the First Vatican Council. Socialism, liberalism and even Italian democracy were seen as necessarily hostile to the papacy. Pope Leo XIII was some-. what wiser in his handling of political issues than his predecessor. Pius IX, but he continued the self-damaging. prohibition on Italian Catholics taking part in political elections. He was on the defensive. It would be a mistake for Roman Catholics to suppose that this defensive corporatism of the 1890s is relevant to the 1990s. It willcertainly not be relevant to the globaleconomy of the next century.

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In the 1980s, Britain managed move away from the corporatist economy it had adopted as a wartime measure. Catholic Europe, under the Rerum Novarum doctrine, moved further towards the corporatist system. The result has been rising corruption - look at Italy, Spain. Belgium or France - rising unemployment and declining competitiveness relative to America and Asia. European corporatism in the 1980s and 1990s has been an economic disaster. Yet the Catholic Church is still wedded to it. and will not consider the arguments against it: Rerum Novarum was not an infallible encyclical but a misinterpretation? of the economic situation as it was 100 years ago. More corporatism now will simply mean more corruption, more unemployment and more poverty. That is no one's economic ideal,

# Putting Parliament to rights

Peter Riddell

says Commons

reform must

consider MPs'

career paths

erliament is under challenge. Fresh assaults come almost every day, whether allegations of "sleaze" or sweeping ons of current polis Sir James Goldsmith. But these are symptoms. The real cause of Parliament's malaise lies deeper, in the growing belief of MPs themselves that they are being bypassed. And calls for change are now coming from the Right as well as from the constitutional reform lobby of the

Over the past month, proposals for Commons reform have been approved by both the Labour and Liberal Democrat conferences, and the latter's radical ideas for slimming the Commons and the executive were echoed in the agenda for a fifth Tory term produced by the Centre for Policy Studies. Moreover, as Lord Cranborne, the Leader of the Lords, argued in his Politeia lecture at the Tory conference, any reform of the Lords would increase its authority and so inevitably affect the Commons. They are "complementary and interdependent" Houses. As a former MP. Lord Cranborne was too tactful to say so, but he believes that much in

the Commons needs changing. Tony Newton has been a reforming Leader of the Commons over the past 42 years, though in a cautious, consensus-seeking way which has masked the degree of change. The hours of MPs have changed radically to benefit backbenchers, most Bills are now subject to voluntary timetabling, and new rules on Members' conduct and outside interests have been introduced. A formal code became necessary because of the growth of commercial lobbying and



the breakdown of informal understandings about acceptable behav-iour. British public life is not particularly sleazy by international standards, but MPs have to be seen not to be abusing their positions.

The commonest complaint is that these changes, though welcome, do not address the disparity in power between the executive and the legislature. This is usually linked to complaints about the influence of whips over MPs. Most such analyses such as Reinventing Westminster, a paper produced today by Charter 88 - underestimate the role of parties in providing cohesion and direction. There is no evidence that the whips' power has increased: the reverse is truer, given the increase in backbench dissent over the past 25 years. The real challenge to Parliament is

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

not the executive, but the growth of alternative sources of power, such as European institutions and law, judicial review, the proliferation of quangos and regulators and the shifting of political debate to the media. And, contrary to the claims made in Brighton, the support by all three main parties for referendums on major constitutional issues has already undermined the power of politicians, and Parliament.

Ministers are now just as nervous. if not more, about appearing on the Today programme as about answer ing Commons questions, Michael Howard and Peter Lilley are far more constrained by judges, and occasion-ally the Lords, than by the Commons.

MPs have been poor at monitoring Europe, partly because of Whitehall reluctance to let them have a say. These failings are extensions of the weaknesses of the Commons in scrutinising legislation.

The almost universal answer is to strengthen select committees. Up to a point. The current system of committees monitoring government departments has improved scrutiny. There is scope, as both Mr Newton and Ann Taylor, his Labour Shadow, have suggested, for select committees to examine draft Bills before they are formally published, as part of a more

drawn-out legislative process. At present, select committees choose their own topics. But they could be formally required to report annually on the main agencies, regulators and quangos in their field,

as the Treasury committee does now in its regular questioning of the Governor of the Bank of England. Labour has proposed that committees should ratify senior public appointments and that they could also be given a greater role in monitoring European proposals in the crucial early stages.

My reservation, shared by some Commons clerks, is about whether: this is putting too much weight onsuch committees. Their members are. after all. MPs with many calls on their time from constituency work to party responsibilities. The Charter 88 paper greatly overestimates the pool of available MPs, and risks confusing oistinci roles when it suggests that new large committees be created: to combine the work of select committees in monitoring departments and: of standing committees in line-by-line-

examination of Bills. The main obstacle is that the career structure of the Commons is almost. entirely geared to becoming a mais-ter or a shadow, MPs give up ever a committee chairmanship for a frontbench post. Committees consist of a mixture of a few good members, including some ex-ministers, and mediocre ones. As both the Liberal Democrats and the Centre for Policy. Studies argue, an alternative career structure needs to be created. This should involve both paying select committee chairmen and reducing the number of MPs and ministers in

the Commons by a fifth or more. A smaller Commons might seem to. put a still greater load on MPs, but at-450-500 (as against 659 after the next election) it would still be larger than. the House of Representatives in America, a country with five times the population of Britain, Fewer, better paid MPs might also be of higher quality, while an associated reduction in the size of the executive might encourage the talented to focus their ambitions on committees as well as

the front benches. None of these ideas for strengthening the Commons' role as scrutineer will work unless the ambitions and attitudes of MPs themselves are taken into account. Good intent as alone will not prevent Parliament being increasingly sidelined.

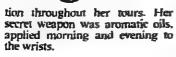
# Stress signs

its toll on Norma Major. She is suffering from repetitive strain injury, a rennis elbow condition of the wrist marked by inflammation of the tendons, because she has signed so many copies of Chequers.

Norma's book has reached number two on some bestseller lists. and has pipped The Nigel Lawson Diet Book in the Times hardback list. Sales are said to have reached 30,000 copies, netting £100,000 for the Prime Minister's wife, who has been approached to write another book, possibly about Downing Street. She is astonished but delighted by its success.

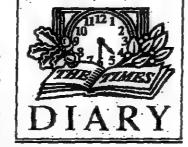
After 25 book-signings in different stores, however, writing has become a problem. To ease the strain, she leans her wrist on another hardback - the autobiography of the Arsenal footballer Ian Wright, as it happens, which she takes with her on tour as a prop. "Not that she's an Arsenal fan." explains a bookworm. "It's that it was the first hardback that came to

Baroness Thatcher also used a book to lean on, but her writing hand remained in perfect condi-



Carla Powell admitted at the Referendum Party conference that to be Margaret Thatcher's private secretary, sometimes found her overbearing. He used to say that his greatest wish was to break down in a Tube train in a tunnel for four





hours." she explained, "so neither Margaret nor i could reach him and he would get some peace."

Bad job

CHELTENHAM COLLEGES recent sacking of the decent Peter Wilkes shows that in these days of A-level league tables, being a public school headmaster is about as safe a job as Premiership soccer manager. You just get to wear a mortar board rather than a sheep-

skin overcoat. Wilkes was fired because Cheltenham's results were allegedly not up to scratch. But as soccer fans sometimes protest at the departure of a popular gaffer, so some wellconnected Cheitenham parents are mobilising their forces. The Volvo and Barbour set, when perpered

up, can be terrifying, and I wouldn't count on the survival of the college council's president. He will have to contend with the doughty Alice Wilkes, the head-master's wife, a woman with bulletproof morale and Africa's dust on her boots. At a planned farewell party she will sport a Johnny Rebel

Pieties TALK in the bars at the Referen-

dum Party conference in Brighton turned inevitably to Jemima Khan, Sir James Goldsmith's arresting daughter, and the imminent birth

"NOT the headmaster's wife".

Would the baby, if a girl, be called Referenda? Perhaps not. But the moniker Taqi is being seriously considered for a boy. No reference this to Taki Theodoracopulos, the Greek columnist and raving socialite who would doubtless love to be so honoured. Tagi means "pious one" in Urdu, and is favoured by Jemima's husband, Imran.

● Jeffrey Archer was gavel-man and bidder at separate auctions on Friday night. While conducting an auction for the Make a Wish charity, he was leaving bids at Christie's for the cricket bat with which Sir

record by scoring his 126th century. The charity auction raised ElÖLDOO, but Archer didn't get Hobbs's bat, which sold for £11,000 - more than twice his offer.

Jack Hobbs equalled W.G. Grace's

nose-stud and a badge marked



a cassock. Timothy Everest, the gifted

Wear and tear YEARS as a recluse seem to have done something odd to the film di-



Jemima: name bunt

rector Stanley Kubrick. The man behind the films Dr Strangelove and A Clockwork Orange has instructed his tailor to make him

young chap who made the suits for the film Mission Impossible, has been retained by Tom Cruise for his next film, Eves Wide Shut, which Kubrick is to direct. He met Kubrick last week at the director's secluded Hertfordshire mansion. It was there that he received the extraordinary commission. "I don't know what he wants it for," said Everest, "but I am more than happy to make it for him."

# Secret model

MY HEART goes out to Linda Evangelista, leggy supermodel and star of pizza advertisements. She claims to be terrified of the admiring crowds lining her catwalk, and suffers from "panic attacks".

So much so, that when the Anxiety Disorders Association of America got wind of her fears and asked her to address a conference, she refused because a large number of people would be watching her. Worst of all for a woman in her profession, she refuses to go to public aerobies classes in case onlook-

ers are beastly. "I can't go because



Linda: feels shy

people stare at me," she tells Zest : magazine. I hear them say things like 'Oh, she's not as pretty as... I thought. To cap her mis ries, she says she was an ugly waby. "My teeth were crooked and I was

Happiness came recently, however. in the form of a lucrative mod-, elling contract with Yardley.

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# **MEMORIAL MANIFESTO**

A stirring call for ethical renewal

The powerful words of Frances Lawrence should find an echo across the country today. Her manifesto in The Times is an eloquent personal plea for action to end the violence that "pierced the heart" of her own family. Her husband was an inspirational example to many children of whom little was expected. Philip Lawrence's Christian belief and faith in those he taught made his school a model and his life an example. It is a testament to Mr Lawrence's vision that his widow should, after such devastation, be so determined to keep his values and example alive. Frances Lawrence's call for a national movement to banish violence and promote rivic values deserves the support of all who lish to see society remain civilised.

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Mrs Lawrence is careful not to make extravagant claims for herself. She is genuinely humble in her protestations that others are better qualified to "provide answers and leadership". But she has shown, in her stoicism over the past year and her sincerity today, that she is supremely qualified to light a beacon. The sense that there is no longer an agreed and authoritative ethical consensus and the recognition that there is an appetite for restoring moral barriers finds moving and authentic expression in her words.

In recent weeks politicians have been trying to translate their thoughts into a moral language. The Prime Minister, in a book published this week, argues that "the Conservative Party is founded on principles flowing from the Christian faith". Tony Blair has deployed the rhythms of the pulpit and the reasoning of theologians to give roots to new Labour's vision. Politicians' efforts cannot have the power of the direct message Mrs Lawrence has articulated. Their attempts, however, show that leaders arthdready alive to the need for an ethical renewal. Mrs Lawrence's words fall on

fertile ground. Her message, although challenging, is meant to launch a debate, not a crusade, and to inspire a broad-based movement, not a narrow activist group. She has made a series of wise suggestions. Her thoughts on educating children in civic responsibilities, on government attitudes towards the family, on parental responsibilities towards children and on broadcasters' duties to their audience deserve attention. But beyond the specific proposals lies the hope that others will share her concern and

Politicians, policymakers and citizens have an obligation to recognise that the values of "effort, earnestness and excellence", which Mrs Lawrence identifies as the ingredients of the good society, need nurturing. The first step is, as Mrs Lawrence argues, an abandonment of the tone of sneering cynicism which has accompanied mention of such principles. Then there needs to be debate, free of point-scoring partisanship, about the concrete ways in which such values might be enacted.

Over the next week we hope that new voices will join the debate that Mrs Lawrence has started, that the majority she refers to "who have been silent for too long" will be heard. The moral relativism and glamorisation of violence which unsettle so many should be opposed with reason and passion. It was a love of reason and learning, and a passion to see its benefits reach everyone, that drove Philip Lawrence and made him such a remarkable teacher. For him there were no lost boys, no souls beyond reach. Mr Lawrence showed that in unpromising times, unfashionable values could change, perhaps even save, young lives. In issuing a rallying call to continue his work. Frances Lawrence provides her husband with a fitting memorial and the country with an appropriate challenge.

# A QUESTION OF QUESTIONS

The Referendum Party has no answer to the biggest one

THIRTY YEARS ON

Lessons to be learnt from Aberfan to Dunblane

The greatest novelty of Saturday's Referendum Party conference was not that it was the party's debut, but that this was the first political seaside gathering for years at which there was reasoned and intelligent debate in the main conference hall on the real dangers of further European integration. At the Liberal Democrats, it is taboo to voice sceptical sentiments, but unwise politically to be too federalist. At Labour and Tory conferences, Europe is barely discussed in the hall because it is too divisive: dissent has to be expressed in packed meetings on the fringe. But in Brighton at the weekend, it was possible to envisage how a wholly sceptical party - perhaps the Tories after the next election - would conduct its affairs.

F the pretence that the Referendum Party embraces all shades of opinion about Europe was finally abandoned on Saturday. Speaker after speaker denounced Maastricht, economic and monetary union, the European Court of Justice and Chancellor Kohl. The audience was in total agreement on Europe: again a novelty in British politics today. Fellow sceptics from other member states came to join common cause. A visit from Charles de Gaulle (grandson of the great man) or Manfred Brunner (German challenger of Maastricht) would go down powerfully at a Tory conference, but Conservative Central Office would never dare to invite them.

So the sleeping elephant around which each of the main parties tries to tiptoe was awoken in Brighton with powerful effect. The sense that party politics are a trivial matter compared with the huge constitutional significance of transferring sovereignty to Brussels united an audience

With the publication of the Cullen report last

week, the 16 schoolchildren and their teacher

who died in Dunblane have returned

powerfully to the public mind. For the

parents and others in that small Scottish

town the memory will never be anything less

The same is true of a pit village in Wales.

Thirty years ago today, an 800ft mountain of

coal waste collapsed and engulfed Pantglas

Junior School in Aberfan. Of the 126

children present in the school, all but ten

For the sake of all those who lost loved

than always present.

made up largely of former Conservative supporters. But if the diagnosis of Europe's ills was, on the whole, accurate, the prescription was rather more flawed.

As we wrote at length at the time, the Major Government should have put the Maastricht treaty to a referendum. The people lend power to a government only for five years; it is quite unacceptable for an administration to pass on that power irrevocably to another party without first asking the people's permission.

But what is done is done. There is no point now in holding a referendum on Maastricht: the treaty is already ratified, and a "no" vote would hardly persuade Britain's partners to rewrite it. Sir James Goldsmith's notion of a referendum setting out four options on Europe is equally impractical. Given a choice between a European superstate, an EU of sovereign nation states, membership of Efta, and total withdrawal, the biggest vote would probably go to the second of those possibilities. But that is the one that is least achievable simply through a referendum. The latter two can be done unilaterally; the first simply by going along with France and Germany. But the Europe of nation states can happen, if at all, only by diplomacy. It is what this Government has been trying to achieve for the past year at least.

A referendum on Maastricht in 1992 or 1993 would have been excellent. Now the game has moved on to the question of the single currency. The Tories have promised a referendum on that; and Labour is three quarters of the way towards the same pledge. The existence of the Referendum Party has already concentrated the main parties' minds; that is its main achievement.

now, the remaining moneys cannot fully

meet the expense of maintaining the

memorial gardens and the village cemetery.

The mine itself, the heart of the village even

The people of Dunblane, we hope, will be

spared such misery. Indeed, all the initial

signs are that public authorities have

become both more compassionate and more

professional over the past 30 years. But it

should not be forgotten that, despite the

bitterness, in one sense Aberfan did produce

positive results that, in an admittedly small

way, should have provided some comfort.

After the tragedy, the official inquiry,

some 4,236 pages in length, led to the

banishment of all other treacherous tips

from the edges of mining villages. No such

accident ever happened in Britain again.

That 144 lives were the price of this outcome

represented a terrible trade. The overworn

phrase "their sacrifice was not in vain" may

have little value to the many who will today

remember their loved ones who never grew

up. But nor is it a completely trite or useless

Dunblane is destined to endure many an-

niversaries. They will all be wrenching,

painful affairs for the families, the town and

the country at large. Though opinions may

legitimately differ about the best means for

restricting handgun ownership, the mini-

mum that society should seek to achieve is a

constructive and lasting memorial to that

dreadful event. As with Aberfan, "never

again" is not an answer but it is a proper

sentiment.

after the horror, closed in 1989.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

# Tories back 'wait and see' on EMU

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From Mr Quentin Davies. MP for Stamford and Spalding (Conservative) and others

Sir, Your leading article on European monetary union ("Can't join, won't join", October 16) argued that the Government's policy of keeping our options open was untenable:

1. Because we could not join EMU anyway if we had not been a member of the exchange-rate mechanism for the previous two years.

2. Because no British Parliament would ever accept the constraints on its liscal freedom implied in the excess deficits rules and in the proposed stability pact.

The first of these propositions has yet to be demonstrated. The Treaty of Maastricht was signed before the foreign-exchange crisis of September 1992 led to the redefinition of the "normal fluctuation bands" from 2.25 per cent to 15 per cent.

No one supposes or claims that the maintenance of a parity within a 15 per cent margin for a period of two years would satisfy the requirement for exchange-rate stability. In fact the "hard core" currencies which have remained part of the ERM all along are still trading - despite all the intervening crises and speculative attacks — within the original 2.25 per cent margin of their parities in 1987, nîne years agol

So the wording in the original treaty needs to be redefined and it is entirely open to us to argue that de facto stability within a narrow band is the significant criterion which must be observed. That would correspond both to economic reality and to common sense.

Your second assumption is profoundly misconceived. The Maastricht treaty and the EMU project place no constraints whatever on how much governments can tax and spend: international competition in a world of free capital movements and mobile top earners may well do so, but that is an entirely different matter. What the rules for EMU do restrict is the extent to which member governments can run deficits and accumulate debt.

These new rules would be a great gain for democratic accountability: governments would have to confront their electorates immediately with the financial consequences of their spending programmes. And they would be a great gain for financial stability: there would be no chance of a return to the deficit spending of the 1970s which led to bail-out by the International Mone-

tary Fund. We would in effect have re the regime within which we operated very happily during the heyday of the gold standard before 1914, when an objectively determined monetary policy, not subject to political manipulation, imposed a natural framework of

fiscal discipline on governments. We should be delighted at the achievement of such a double victory for sound Conservative principles.

QUENTIN DAVIES. EDWINA CURRIE. HUGH DYKES, ANTHONY GRANT, ALAN HASELHURST, JOHN HUNT, JIM LESTER, KEITH MANS, TIM RATHBONE, TIM RENTON. ANDREW ROWE PETER TEMPLE-MORRIS, PATRICK THOMPSON. CYRIL D. TOWNSEND, RAY WHITNEY, House of Commons.

October 17.

# University autonomy

From Mr Bryan Davies, MP for Oldham Central and Royton Labour

Sir, It is extraordinary that Graham Zellick (letter, October 16; see also letter, October 18) should regard Labour's opposition to top-up tuition fees for higher education and our objective of greater participation for those from lower-income back-grounds to be evidence of "contempt and arrogance" for institutional au-

tonomy and academic freedom. The introduction of top-up fees for tuition would have fundamental implications for socially equitable access to higher education and must therefore properly be a matter of publicpolicy concern. Nor should efforts to build on the existing work of some Oxbridge colleges to improve entry rates from state school pupils (based solely on merit) be interpreted as interference with the right of these universities to select their student

intake on openly fair criteria. A commitment to the principle of academic freedom underpins Labour policies for higher education and in no way conflicts with our objective of wider access to universities and colleges.

Yours sincerely **BRYAN DAVIES** (Shadow Minister for Further and Higher Education), House of Commons. October 18.

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# 'Collusion within collusion' at Suez

From Sir Robert Rhodes James

Sir. In your report (October 17) of the "discovery" of the Israeli copy of the Sevres Protocol of October 1956 that presaged the Anglo-French-Israeli attack on Egypt it was stated that "it has until now been made available only to those people who were present at

As the biographer of Anthony Eden. and known to be a close friend of Israel, I was shown the protocol, on the strict understanding that I could not quote it verbatim and could not reveal that I had seen it. I have honoured both conditions until now.

What I found especially interesting was that there was a separate Franco-Israeli agreement, of which the British were ignorant, whereby the French supplied jet fighters to strengthen the then puny Israeli Air Force, flown by French pilots wearing Israeli uniforms and the aircraft painted in Israeli markings.

#### Ben-Gurion was deeply apprehen-sive about the effect on Israeli civilian morale of heavy air attacks, and he and many of his colleagues - including Shimon Peres - were unconvinced of Eden's trustworthiness in

providing protection for Israeli air-space by RAF fighters operating from There was therefore collusion with-

in a collusion. The Israelis subsequently realised that they had misjudged Eden, and Ben-Gurion promised him that the Israeli copy of the protocol would be a trictly guarded state secret.

Eden did not "cite" ill-health for his resignation in January 1957; it was the real reason.

I am. Sir. etc. ROBERT RHODES JAMES, The Stone House, Great Gransden, Sandy, Bedfordshire.

out of home to attend school, work,

church services and probational coun-

selling appointments. All the rest of

the time they are obliged to remain at

home. Home visits by some supervi-

The tag works best on those who

have not already had a period of cus-

tody. It is also important to keep sen-

tences short — that is to say between 60 and 120 days. After that the child-

ren lose heart, and when they lose

heart they begin to violate the curfew.

building up the self-esteem of a young

offender by letting him prove to him-

self that he is capable of self-control.

I write as one with 22 years' contin-

uous experience as a prison visitor,

aware of the miserable consequences

to society that arise from offenders

who could have been so easily re-

deemed - as I know from long friend-

ships - had they been persuaded to

take seriously the sanctions imposed

by courts when they began offending

Yours faithfully,

TOM STACEY

(Director),

The critical effect of the tag is that of

sory service are essential.

# Experience of tagging offenders

From Mr Tom Stacey

Sir, The usual chorus of opposition to the tagging of offenders was raised when the Prime Minister announced his initiative at Bournemouth (report, October 12) - and as usual by the well-intended but uninformed.

The effectiveness of putting young offenders - even as young as ten under home curfew on the electronic tag is borne out by experience abroad: a recent study (from Indiana) of the use of the tag on various teenage groups shows the age group of 10-14 coming through their curfew sentences with a success rate of 94 per cent, and the age group 14-17 showing a success rate of four in five. "Success" means that the sentence was completed without serious breach.

Extensive evidence from countries such as the US. Canada, Sweden, Singapore and Australia in respect of the properly administered tagging of iuvenile offenders is unexpected and persuasive.

In terms of inducing behavioural change (which is perhaps the outstanding benefit of the electronic tag), the younger the offenders on which the tag is used, the better the longerterm result

The offending children are allowed

Sir, Your readers are, no doubt, puz-

zled by the correspondence regarding

the succession to the Romanian

throne (letters, October 2, 11, 14), After

all. Romania is not a monarchy today

and the arcane interpretations raised

by your correspondents relate to a

constitution which is no longer in

operation. But you were nevertheless

correct in sensing that this rather

amusing spat owes little to pure

Romania's leadership is largely

composed of former communists who

are still seeking democratic legiti-macy. One of their biggest obstacles is

King Michael, the country's exiled

monarch, who remains highly popu-

lar. The authorities in Bucharest are

in a bind: they cannot claim that the

King's abdication, imposed on him by

the communist dictatorship in 1947, is

legitimate. Yet at the same time, they

cannot accept that the monarchy

The Romanian authorities have

therefore tried to avoid the question

altogether: they have not named their

state a republic (the country is

officially simply called "Romania"),

but they have prevented King Michael

from even visiting his birthplace. The

current correspondence advances the

process of discrediting the King one

According to Mr Brooks-Baker's fuzzy logic (October 2), Princess Margarita, the King's eldest daugh-

ter, has forfeited her right to the

throne by marrying a Romanian. Yet

he omits to say that the person whom

he presumably wants to succeed, "Prince" Paul, is the descendant not

only of a morganatic marriage (be-

Romanian throne

From Dr Jonathan Eyal

genealogical erudition.

should be restored.

step further.

tween King Carol II and Miss Zizi Lambrino) but also one contracted with another Romanian and subulled by the country parliament for breaking precisely the constitution on which Mr Brooks-

Baker relies for his argument.

The Offender's Tag Association,

128 Kensington Church Street, W8. October 12.

The letter from Professors Stefan and Mihaela Ionescu (October II) is even more comical in its assertion that Princess Margarita has lost her claim because she married without the King and Government's permission, and Michael could not give the permission because he is no longer King. This must surely rank as the Balkans' latest contribution to the art of circular arguments; the only point which still needs to be clarified is whether Margarita forfeited the throne when she was born to a non-king, or when she married without the approval of a government which claims that no Romanian monanthy exists.

As the two professors rightly suggest. President Tiescu of Romania has not "given Margarita permission" for her actions. But the same President has encouraged Paul to call himself Prince", and has allowed him to live in the country, something which Michael and his family have been constantly barred from doing. It is interesting to note that, on the question of royal succession, President Riescu, a former Communist Party ideology secretary, and Mr Brooks-Baker, the veteran royal watcher, are in complete agreement. The Cold War must now be truly over.

Yours faithfully. JONATHAN EYAL (Director of Studies), Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies. Whitehall, SWI. October 15.

# Practical praise

From Mrs Cecilia A. Hatt

Sir, If the vicar of St Mary's, Wroxham, wants to avoid obscure hymns (report, October 14; see also letter, October 19) he had better outlaw at once Autumn Days, with its reference to let planes refuelling in mid-air.

Only military aircraft refuel in midair; they usually do it over the sea, miles away from people and certainly nowhere near children. Bearing in mind that very few adults and, in all likelihood, no children have ever witnessed this skilful but uninteresting manoeuvre, it is difficult to see why the mere mention of it should cause a child to thank God, or indeed, when planes need to be refuelled at all times of the year, why it should be

chosen as a manifestation of autumn. This inept and inconsequential song does not make sense even in its own terms and is simply another example of the inferior merchandise which is so often foisted, in churches as elsewhere, onto children because it is not good enough for grown-ups.

Yours faithfully, CECILIA A. HATT. 7 Effingham Road, Surbiton, Surrey. October 19.

# Conserving antiquity

From Mr J. T. Smith

Sir, Regarding graffiti at archaeological sites (letters, October 10 and 15), I was interested recently to see "Sapper J A Beal RE 1892" deeply chiselled into the right ankle of the seated figure of Rameses 11 on the façade of the Great Temple at Abu Simbel - along with Greek and Phoenician engraved graffiti from earlier centuries.

Our late 20th-century graffiti materials - felt pens and spray cans - have a short life span, to suit our buildings.

Is there any late 20th-century building worthy of Sapper Beal's hammer and chisel in the belief that it will still exist in AD 4000?

As for the scratched inscription on the Colossus of Memnon at Thebes recording the musical note emitted by the moving rock as it heated in the dawn sun (Mr G. de la Bédoyère's letter, October 15), could this be the first example of "Rock Music"?

Yours faithfully. J. T. SMITH. Bowes Gate Bowes Road Barnard Castle, Co Durham. October 15.

### An apt home for Elizabethan letters From Dr Richard Palmer

Sir. You report (October 14) the forthcoming sale of the 1587 Privy Council letter ordering the execution warrant on Mary Queen of Scots and (October 11) of the 1589 letter from the Privy Council to the Archbishop of Canterbury initiating state censorship of the Elizabethan theatre.

Your readers may be interested to know that these letters came from the archive of the Archbishops of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace, having been removed by Parliament from the study of Archbishop Laud after his arrest in 1640. They are documents of great historic importance, which must be saved for the nation.

Professor Patrick Collinson (letter, October 17) explains that the Privy Council's attempt at censorship was occasioned by Richard Bancroft's bright idea of lampooning Martin Marprelate on stage. Let us hope that these letters may be returned to their rightful place at Lambeth Palace, where the library, founded by Richard Bancroft, preserves the only complete set of Marprelate tracts in existence.

The sermon which was to have been preached at the execution of Mary Queen of Scots is also in the library. Alas for the preacher, the Queen was in no mood to hear it.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD PALMER (Librarian and Archivist), Lambeth Palace, SEI. October 17.

### Arts and the lottery

From the Director of the National Campaign for the Arts

Sir, Richard Morrison rightly points out ("Welcome to the people's priorities". October 5) that Lord Gowrie has been "macro-betrayed" by his old friends in government.

The Conservative Party at the last election promised in its manifesto to "maintain support for the arts" and John Major has personally pledged that lottery money would not be used to substitute for government arts funding (report, September 17, 1994). It was not naively or greed but

suspicion about the credibility of these promises that led the Arts Council (supported widely by the arts world) to call for lottery grants to be focused on capital projects. Without such a watershed, how long would it take Britain to reach the position of New Zealand, which relies on its lottery for 80 per cent of arts funding? Where would that leave the arts if a government switched the proceeds to other "good causes"?

At the Labour Party conference Tony Blair outlined plans (report, October 2; letter, October 8) for the Millennium Fund's share of lottery funding to go to environmental, edu-cational and public-health projects. He said nothing to suggest that the arts should not continue to benefit. On the contrary, the recent changes to allow the lottery to support arts for children and to get the arts out to people seem to fit four-square with his priorities for "supporting national talent and potential.

Yours faithfully, JENNIFER EDWARDS, Director.

National Campaign for the Arts. Francis House, Francis Street, SWI.

# Crossing the floor

From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, I would suggest a different interpretation on Mr Peter Thurman's defection to the Liberal Democrats from that proposed by Mr John Hardman (letter, October 15).

In my view it was the devotion and hard work of Mr Thurnham's constituency association activists, who selected him and worked for his election to support the Conservative Government, that enabled him to hold his extremely marginal seat of Bolton North East His treachery has been their re-

Yours truly, JOHN F. MARTIN, 128 Piccadilly, Wl. October 15.

#### Franglais in flight From Mr J. R. P. Healing

Sir, While waiting for my flight connection at Orly recently, the following announcement was made: "Le standby est OK pour le checkin". The only visible person in this category was clearly French as he

ignored this simple command. Yours faithfully, JULIAN HEALING,

9 Hill Street, Mayfair, WI. October 19.

# Face-saving

From Mrs Elisabeth Howard

Sir, My husband says he does not ever remember using his flannel at prep school (letters, October 12, 15, 17, 18) for anything other than growing cress.

Yours faithfully, ELISABETH HOWARD. Drove Cottage, Newbridge, Cadnam, Southampton. October 18.

were killed, along with 28 adults. For that generation the single word Aberlan means what Dunblane does now. Many beyond Wales will mourn this morning. ones in Dunblane it must be hoped that the aftermath of their tragedy is handled with greater sense and sensitivity than was true three decades ago. Unfortunately Aberfan became the case study of how not to manage such matters. The £1.75 million appeal fund became a source of enormous contention. The National Coal Board won the lasting

> each in compensation, a figure later raised to a still hopelessly inadequate £5,000.

hatred of the community when it asked for £250,000, and settled for £150,000, from those finances to meet the costs of clearing away the remaining piles of slurry from the hilltops around the town. The families of the bereaved were first offered an insulting £500

Much of the total was spent on an impressive community centre for which the

costs of upkeep became unbearable, forcing its acquisition by the local council. Even objective.

# **COURT CIRCULAR**

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Air Force Northolt to visit WWF October 19: Dame Frances Camp-bell-Preston has succeeded the Germany and subsequently to chair the WWF Annual Conference in Berlin. Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-The Lord Buston is in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 20: The Duke of Edinburgh. President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this morning left Royal

Today's royal

moral Castle.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 20: The Prince of Wales.

President, this afternoon held a Reception for WaterAid at Bal-

engagements The Prince of Wales will attend the Keepers of the Quaich dinner at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, at 7pm. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Missing Persons Helpline, will attend a reception at the South African High Commission, Trafalgar Square, at 7pm. The Duke of Kent, Honorary Air Commodore, will fly in an RAF Chinook, RAF Odiham, 5.05pm.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

The Annual General Court of Governors of the Corporation will be held at Lambeth Palace on Thursday, November 14, 1996, at noon, for the election of Governors and for filling vacancies on the Court of Assistants under the Charter of King Charles II. Governors planning to attend should please contact the Registrar for full particulars: I Dean Trench Street, London SWIP 3HB, telephone: 0171-799 3696.

# **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Georg Ernst Stahl, chemist, Ansbach, Germany, 1060; George Colman the Younger, actor, London, 1762; Samuel Taylor Coleridge, poet, Ottery St Mary, Devon. 1772; George Combe. phrenologist, Edinburgh, 1788; Alphonse de Lamartine, poet and statesman, Mâcon, France, 1790; Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, founder of prizes bearing his name, Stockholm, 1833; Leonard Rossiter, actor and comedian Liverpool, 1926.

DEATHS: Pietro Aretino, satirist. Venice. 1557: Edmund Waller. poet. Beaconsfield, Bucking-hamshire, 1687: Horatio Nelson, Viscount Nelson, was killed in action at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805; Arthur Schnitzler, dramatist, Vienna, 1931; Sir Muirhead Borfe, watercolourist and etcher, Ferry Hinksey, Oxford. 1953; Jack Kerouac, writer, Lowell, Massachu-setts, 1969.

At Aberfan, near Merthyr Tydfil, coaltip slid, killing 144, including 116 children, 1966. Willy Brandt was elected Chan-

# Service dinners

ners and members of the Wardroom Mess.

HMS Cambridge

rage, West Hoe, Plymouth,

to mark the life of Emma Hamilton. Mrs Andrew Welch presided and Mrs Stanley Carroll, Mistress

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command was the guest of honour and proposed the toast to The im-mortal Memory at a Trafalgar night dinner held on Friday night at the Pentland Hotel, Thurso. Commander P. Cariss, RN. pre-

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Mary's, Wimbledon, of sided at the annual Officers' dinand the annual Oncers shall need to the Creen Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) held on Friday night in Catterick.

Royal Pioneer Officers Major-General Geoffrey Field presided at the Pioneer Officers' fiftieth past and present dinner held on Friday night at St David's Barracks, Bicester, Major-General Kevin O'Donoghue, Chief of Staff, Headquarters QMG, was the guest of honour.

ceived the guests at a ladies' guest night dinner held on Friday night at RAF High Wycombe. Group Captain A. Beedie presided.

### Birthdays today

Mr David Campese, rugby player, 34. Mr Norman Clarke, former secretary and registrar. Institute of Mathematics and its Applications,

Lord Grieve, 79; Sir Maurice Hodgson, former chairman. Brit-ish Home Stores, 77; Mr John Hull, former deputy chairman, Schroders, 71; Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, 43.

Oranmore and Browne, 95: Sir John Stevens, former Chief Con-Thomas of Swynnerton, 65.

Mr Patrick Thompson, MP, 61; Mr P. J. Tosch, former chairman, Vauxhall Motors, 56; Mr Francis Warner, poet and dramatist, 59; Sir William Whitfield, architect, 76; Dr Elsie Widdowson, CH. nutritionist, 90.

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.A.M. Ashworth and Miss F.J. Harris Mr S.S.G. Barnett The marriage nook place on Satand Miss K.G. Honey urday, October 19, at Christ Church, Chelsea, of Mr Jon

**Marriages** 

Ashworth to Miss Fiona Harris.

The bride, who was given in

Miss Emma Cartwright Mr

Pavilion Road and the honeymoon

is being spent in the Seychelles.

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Mary's, Masham. North Yorkshire, of the Hon Ralph

Assheton, elder son of Lord and

Lady Clitheroe, of Downham Hall.

Lancashire, to Miss Olivia

Warrington, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Warrington, of Low Burton Hall, Masham. The

Rev Brian Abell and Dom Mat-

thew Burns officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Flora Warrington, El-

eanor Warrington and Miss Sarah Macmillan. Major Edward

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon

Mr James Eustace, son of Dr and

Mrs John Eustace, of Rotherwick,

Hampshire, to Miss Philippe Warre, daughter of Mr and Mrs

William Warre, of Wimbledon

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Jessica Muller, Anna

Moore and Ellie Eustace Mr Robert Eustace was best man.

A reception was held at Hamp-ton Court and the honeymoon will

The marriage took place on October 19, 1996, in Cambridge, between Captain Robert Stopford

and Mrs Susan Maddocks, fol-

lowed by a service of blessing at Corpus Christi College Chapel.

be spent in Morocco.

Captain P.R. Stopford and Mrs S.G. Maddocks

Canon Gerald Parrott officiated.

Smyth-Osborne was be

will be spent abroad.

and Miss P.M. Warre

Mr. I.I. Enstact

Hugh Fraser was best man. A reception was held at 30

The Hon Ralph Assheton

and Miss O.S. Warrington

The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Barnett, of marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Joanna Harris and Albufeira, Portugal, and Kathryn, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Morris Honey, of Nelson, New Zealand.

#### Mr N. Cournoyer and Miss L Naudi

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Dr and Mrs Norman Cournover, of Amherst. Massachusetts, and Lara, daughter of Mr Robert Naudi and Mrs M.C. Montalette, of London,

Lieutenant Commander C.J.R. Jewitt, RN. and Miss P.L.M. Watkinson

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Com-mander and Mrs D.J.B. Jewitt, of Crediton, Devon, and Phillipps (Cosy), second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Watkinson, of

Mr D.M.P. Lee and Miss D.S. Dawson

The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Lee, of Great Coxwell, Oxfordshire, and Dawn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Dawson, of East Ruston, Norfolk

### Memorial services

The Rev Dr Eric Heaton A Memorial Service for the Rev Dr Eric Heaton. Dean of Christ Church 1979-91. Honorary Student [90] 96, will be held in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday, November 9, 1996, at

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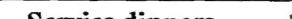
Mr Robert Tewdwr Moss A memorial service for Mr Robert Louis Tewdwr Moss, writer, was held on Saturday at St Mary's, Paddington Green. The Rev Gary Bradley officiated and Father Mark Gibson. OSB, read the Gospel. Dr Christopher Wain read the lesson and Mr Robin Baird-Smith gave an address.

### **Scholarships**

Hereford Cathedral Junior School will be holding Voice Trials for Choral Scholarships on Monday, November 4. Choral scholarships are two thirds of school fees and the School is pleased to announce that there is one new scholarship available covering all (ees.

# Company of

Master, Mr M.H. Goodall: Senior



Una McCarthy, a keeper at London Zoo, launching Animal Adoption Week with Chico the Hama yesterday

of the Company of Master Mari-

Sheriffs, was a speaker at the annual Trafalgar dinner held on Friday night onboard HMS Presi-dent to mark the 191st anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Lieuten-ant-Commander A.J. McPhail, RNR, Mess President, was in the chair. Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, Chief of Fleet Support, proposed the toast to The Im-

To mark the 191st anniversary of the death of Admiral Lord Nelson and to initiate their association the Officers of HMS Cambrid dined on Friday night at HMS Cambridge. Lieutenant-Com-mander Richard Harrison presided and Mr Stanley Carroll, Master of the Gunmakers' Company, proposed the toast to The Immortal Memory. Simulta-neously their ladies dined at The

Gunmaker, proposed the toast to Emma Hamilton. Vulcan Naval Reactor Test

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Sir Malcolm Arnold, composer, 75: Mr Geoffrey Boycott, cricketer, 56:

Mr Simon Gray, writer, 60;

Professor Sir Roy Marshall, former Vice-Chancellor, Hull University, 76; Miss Nadia Nerina, prima ballerina, 69; Lord Georg Solti, conductor, 84; Mr stable, Northumbria, 54; Lord

# Hereford Cathedral

Junior School

The following have been elected icers of the Co of Playing Cards for the ensuing YEAT:

Warden, Mr A.H. Wilcox. Warden, Mr P.D. Crabbe; Junior

Nature notes

CROWDS of woodpigeons are assembling on ploughed fields: from a distant hilltop they look like a purple-blue mist over the dark earth. Some woodpigeons are still moulting and their black, white and grey tail-feathers lie conspicu-ously in the grass. Redwings and fieldfares,

which are thrushes that breed in Iceland and Scandinavia. are beginning to arrive in Britain. They forage mainly on pasture land, or flock into the hedges to eat the hawthorn berries. Large parties of greenfinches are searching the countryside for burdock and persicaria seeds: they will ear them either ripe on the plant or where they have fallen to the ground. They also go into churchyard yew trees to feed on the pink berries.

The colours of the autumn leaves are now at their most intense. On wild cherries, the many shades of scarlet and £12.95.



vellow. Maple leaves are pale pink and orange. Beech woods are aflame with mixed colour. Ash trees are still green but are dappled with large bunches of seeds that have now turned purple-brown. Yellow toadflax, with its snapdragonlike flowers, is still quite common on roadside verges.

☐ Feather Reports: A Chronicle of Bird Life from the Pages of The Times, by Derwent May, illustrated by Robin Jacques, has just been publong, drooping leaves are lished by Robson Books at



# Chambers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Mrs Jacqueline Comyns, Mrs The 10th annual dinner of the

Dinners

mbers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Carl Teper was held last Friday evening at the Reform Club. The principal guest and speaker was Judge Timothy Lawrence, Presi-dent of the Industrial Tribunals. The Rev Malcolm Weisman welcomed the guests. Mr Carl Teper proposed the toast to the guests and Father John King said Grace. Mr Nick Wayne proposed the loyal toast. The guests included: Lord and Lady Butterworth, Mr Ernle Money, CBE, Judge Ann Goddard, QC, His Honour Mar-

HMS President

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by

mortal Memory. Commander M.D. MacFarlan RNR,

Commanding Officer, received the guests who included:

The Honorary President of the

HMS President Retired Officers' Association, the Prime Wardens of

the Fishmongers' and Ship-wrights' Companies, the Master of

the Coopers' Company, the Master

cus Anwyl Davies, QC, and Mrs Anwyl Davies, Judge and Mrs Cooray, Judge and Mrs Copley. Judge and Mrs Matthewman. Judge and Mrs Rucker, Judge Sanders, Judge Wilkinson, His Honour Evelyn F Monier-Williams, Mr Peter Feinberg, QC, and Mrs Feinberg, Mr Stephen Leslie, QC, and Mrs Leslie, Mr Richard Stone, QC, and Mrs Stone, Mr Mason, Dr Malcolm Comyns and

Susan Turquet, JP, Mrs Mary Phillips, Mrs Brenda Farthing, Mr Joseph Teper, Mr Adrian Keane, Mr Christopher Wright, Mr and Mrs Derek Martin. Dr Susan Teper, Mrs Sonia Willis, Mr Andrew Harman, Miss Penny Muir and Miss Holly Palmer of Lawrence Graham. Defence Postal and Courier

Services Major-General M. White. Director-General, Logistic Support (Army), and Mr Richard Dykes, Managing Director of Royal Mail, were the principal guests at the annual reunion dinner of the Defence Postal and Courier Services Officers' Association held last night at Simpsons-in-the-Strand. Brigadier T. McG. Brown pre-sided.

Old Oakhamian Club

Mr Anthony Little, Headmaster of honour at the annual dinner of the Old Oakhamian Club held on Saturday at the school. Mr Peter Stephen Mason and Mrs T Jane Hewlett, president, was in the

#### Amphitheatre unearthed cobbles, while the arena for BY NORMAN HAMMOND military exercises, gladiatori-

ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE northernmost amphitheatre in the Roman Empire has been found by archaeologists working in southern Scotland. Set on the outskirts of Trimontium, one of the most important forts of the northern frontier beyond Ha-drian's Wall, the amphitheatre dates to the earlier part of the Roman occupation.

The site consists today of a hollow on the northeastern corner of the Roman fort, at Newstead in the Borders. A. survey by Dr Simon Clarke of Bradford University, followed up by four recently due trenches, suggests a simple amphitheatre dating from the
1st or 2nd century. The bank amphitheatre bank, but a where spectators would have substantial amount has sat was built up from river survived.

was some 40 metres across. This is the first amphitheatre to be discovered in Scotland, and the most northerly in the Roman Empire,"

al combats and animal shows

Donald Gordon of the Trimontium Trust said. Built by the Twentieth Legion, and housing at one point a cavalry wing, from the Voconti tribe in southern France, Trimontium has yielded horses' tack, a cavalry-

man's parade helmet, leather shoes, a spoked wheel and part of a folding camp stool. The fort faced on to Dere Street, the most important Roman road running north from Hadrian's Wall. The road from Newstead to

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# Repent', said Peter, 'and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jeans the Messiah; them your sin will be forgiven and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spatt.' Acts of the Apoeties 2:38 BIRTHS

BROOKS - On October 16th, in Bdinburgh, to Emma (take Rogers-Coltman) and Marcus, a daughter, Iona. CUMRAM - To Angels and Mark twin daughters born on the 16th October 1996. Sanh Kilzabeth and Emma Jane weighing 51h 9cz each. Rocher James delighted. DEVAS - On October 8th, to Philippa (née Wigan) and James, a daughter Rossana, a sister for Francesca and Micholas.

RAMPLIN - Gideon and Minks

FRAMUM - Gideon and Miolm Franklin are please to ennounce the birth of a daughter, Euphemia Karin Ayako, os 17th October 1996, at Lewisham Hospital. STRONG - Os October 14th in Harare, Zimbabwe to Blizabeth (nie Shaw) and Harry, a daughter, Alice Victorin Louise, a sister for William

ALVIS - On October 18th
Mangaret (née Sturdy) widow
of John Aivis of Brockley
near Bestol. Funcal at St.
Erdiget's Church Chelwey on
Wednesday October 23rd at
2.00 pm followed by
interment. Donations to
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BALFOUR: Aisstair Numen on
17th October 1996, aged 87
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Elizabeth (Cowell) and
grently loved father of
Robert and Bellinds and
grantifather. Fumeral service
at Stobe Kirk, Peeblesshire
on Friday October 25th at
1.30 p.m. followed by burial
at Dawyck Chapel. Family
flowers only but donations
if desired to Alzheimers
Scotland, c/o 8 Hitt Street,
Edinburgh EH2 372.

CHOMPTON - Nigel Thomas, Major EA (Early, peacefully sites a long filmes gallantly borne, on Thursday 17th October 1996. Beloved husband of Joyce, father of Nicola, and grandfather to Carla, Holly, Jessica, Canglia and Alexandra. Private funeral to be held in Yorkshire, Memorial Service to be amnounced. No flowers. Donations to the Airborne Forces Security Fund, Biowning Barracks, Aldershot.

DEATHS BRD - Catherine Jean, Funeral service at Earting Parish Chunch at 230pm on Priday October 25 (not as previously announced).

previously announced).

BRADHUM - Suddenty but
pescafully on 17th October
at Cartrel Labe Road East,
Cardiff, Constance Elleen
aged 89 years. Beloved wife
of the late Gilbert. Much
lowed mother of Genuli and
Hugh and mother-haw of
Ann. To be received into
Carist Church, Lake Road
North, Cardiff on Wednesday
23rd October at 6.45 pm.
Peneral Service on Thursday
24th October 2 pm
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CARTER - Heien Mary Ethabeth (Betty) nés Wallisjones of Carmarthen. Died 
suddenly on 16th October, in 
Harare, Zimbalwe, aged 80 
years. Beloved mother of 
Lealey, Heien and Buth and 
grandmother of Michael, 
Jeramy, Rosy, Jessica and 
Cameron, Serly missed by all 
her family and friends. 
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Antony Crawley-Boevey
M.B.E. Dear husband of foste,
father of Susan, Martin,
Katherine and Simon.
Grandfather of Georgina,
Emily and Charlotta, Brother
of Hope and John, Funeral at
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LASCELLES Faith Evelyn (Darby) peacefully at The Quinta Nursing Home, Bentley on 16th October aged 93 years. Late of Paradice Cottage, Yashmpuan, Punseal at All Saints Church, Holbeton, Devon en Thunday 24th October at 200pm.

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GARDISER - On 17th October peacefully in hospital after a short illness Peggy Burban aged 38, beloved widow of Athel. Sedly missed by all her family and friends. Funtesi Service to be held at Bandalis Fask Cressatorium, Lescherhead, on Wednesday 30th October at 2 yan Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Royal Phitonal instituts for the Deaf cle Church Road, Spaces, ET17 4AR.

ORESEE - On October 17th 1996, Gertrude Dorothy, formerly of Headington, Chiord, peacefully aged 99 years. Wife of the late Denis Greene. Enquiries to C.S. Bowyer LTD, Funeral Directors. Tel: (01225) 863208.

PARES - Diana Pares, known as Dhash Died quietly at home, after a short liness, aged 87. Greatly loved and homoured by her family, her former pupils and innumerable friends. Funeral at St Hargaret's Church, Bost Wellow at 11am on Thursday 24th October. Lunch at Thornagate. Subsequent interment of Ashes and Thanksgiving Service (November). For information please telephone (01794) 322351 and dountions to the NSPCC or the World Welliffe Fund. Funeral Director A. H. Chaster, 122 The Hundred, Econsey, Hampshire, Tel: (01794) 513373.

PETO BENNETT - Aifred pescafully on October 17th aged 91, Salowed broshand of the late Hells, much loved father of Thrine and Guri, adored bestepapa of Isa, Ennas, Faul, Suraid and Pla. Panesal Service at I pm on Friday October 25th at Mortlake Cromatorium. Family flowers only Family flowers only.

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PORTWAY - Ronald. On October 18th 1996 aged 92 without suffering. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium on Friday 25th October at 2.30pm.

STERLOCK - Peter Charles on October 15th tragically in a car accident. Much lowed husband of Glan, father to Katherine, Alexander and hoderick. Funeral Thursday October 24th, Service at Markeaton Cramatorium, Derby at 11.15am, Will friends wishing to attend kindly meet at the crematorium, no flowers, donations if wished to BACUP, 3 Bath Piace, Rivington Street, London ECZ ASIR Enquiries us 3. Sigley 2 Sons Telephone 01536 382 048

SRONE - Giga (née Raie) of Capel Headre, Ammanfurd, suddenly while on holidar in Llanduduo. Survived by hushand John, drughter Beth and grandchildren Tony, Peter and Schoote. Enquiries to Rodericks of Tycross, Ammanford, tel: (01269) 592128.

STRICKLAND - Dr., Basil Strickland on 4th September 1996. Furseral has taken place. There will be a Memorial Service on Wodnesday 20th November at The Edyal Brompton Bospital Chapel at 3.30 pm. All welcome.

WALTER - Enderick: Peacafully on October 15th. Very dearly loved father of Charlotte and Harriet and loving grandfather of Gioconda, jackson, George and Amber Scott. Cremetion private. All fidends welcome to artend Service of Thanksgiving on Friday October 25th at 2 pm at Carist Church, Victoria Load, Kensington, London WB. Family flowers only and any domations to Elweckie Mantal Health Trust, 3 Beatrice Flace, Marloes Road, London WE.

WAMD - Douglas on October 17th in Winchester aged 90 years. Lete Inland Revenue. Much loved husband of the late Lity and hest survivor of the nine children or lir and Mrs Allen Wand of Barking. Essex. A kinds ducks to his salaw ninces and nephews. heaver. A kind uncle to his many nices and nephews. Cremation at Southengton Crematorium on Friday October 25th at 3.15 pm (West Chapel). Flowers to ho Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

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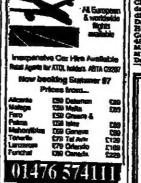
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# **OBITUARIES**

John Hillaby, writer, naturalist and traveller, died on October 19 aged 79. He was born on July 24. 1917.

THE novelist and essayist J. B. Priestley once attempted to explain the delight of long-distance walking. It lay in skull cinema", he said, in the meditative chain of thought driven through the mind by the rhythmic action of placing one foot before the other. John Hillaby, one of the bestknown pedestrians of recent years, followed closely in Priestley's footsteps. Deenly schooled in botany, geology. literature and social history, he produced a string of idiosyncratic travel books in which a prodigious knowledge was painlessly imparted along the way and eclectic allusion often upstaged the narration of the journey

Above all else, it was natural history Ahich enthralled Hillaby. The naturalist," he said, "is able to put a great deal between what he sees and that portion of his mind where boredom lurks." Hillaby himself got into the practice of intoning things aloud as he walked. "There are times," he once explained, "when to keep my mind occupied I have run over the scientific names of everything I saw. For example, I would see some grass, some very ordinary English grass, and I would say: ah graminacae. Now then, genus? Erm. Holeus, Holeus mollis. Soft grass. And then bzzzz, a dragonfly. Ordero odonata, which means literally that it is tooth-winged." Travelling, Hillaby said, was not only a matter of aesthetics but eurhythmics.

In his lifetime Hillaby walked an estimated equivalent of three times the circumference of the globe. His fluent interchanges between perception and experience breathed life into the landscapes he charted in books which ranged from his 1964 Journey to the Jade Sea. a wander in the wilderness of the African desert, to Journey to the Gods published in 1991 in which he excribed his travels from Athens to Mount Olympus via the Pindus Range.

The classic which secured his reputation was his 1968 Journey Through Britain, the result of a "considered impulse" to walk from Land's End to John o' Groat's with the barest minimum of metalled roads between. Its slow movement through a continually varying landscape - whether geographical, topographical, historical or social - became a classic which was to inspire thousands of other romantics to follow in his path. Escaping the prepackaged no man's land of contemporary travel, he discovered a freshness of experience which few in the

modern world have captured. The son of a Yorkshire printer. John Hillaby was not brought up in the wild countryside he was later to explore, but in the urban environment of Leeds. But from an early age an appetite for natural history was awakened in him.

Harold Watkins Shaw.

OBE, musicologist, died on October 8 aged 85. He

was born on April 3, 1911.

THERE was an appropriate-

ness which Harold Shaw

would have appreciated in

that the day after his death the

choir of the Royal Hospital,

Chelsea, performed Handel's

Messiah. Their conductor. lan

Curror, his friend and col-

league at the Royal College of

Music, dedicated the perfor-

mance to Shaw, from whose

edition of the oratorio the

Watkins Shaw (the name

under which he wrote) was

most widely known for his

work on Handel and, above

all, for his performing score of

Messiah (1939), now in univer-

sal use. This was but the most

eminent of his extensive writ-

ings and editings of church

music, which occupied him for

almost 50 years and which

ware published largely under the auspices of the Church

Music Society: he was the

society's first honorary gener-

al editor for 14 years from

1956, and its chairman from

His interests and publica-

tions stretched from Tallis to

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: his

major concerns were Blow.

Purcell and Handel (his edi-

tion of Theodora is used for

1979 to 1987.

choir was singing.

# JOHN HILLABY



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John Hillaby and his wife, Kathleen

plant names both in Latin and in English, and a master at his school -Woodhouse Grove - fostered this interest further. "No homework tonight," this master would say. "Whatever it is you are meant to be doing, don't do it. I want you to bring me an insect." Hillaby, in ardent quest of six-legged invertebrates, made his first ventures up onto the moors. Walking and natural history were ever after-

wards to become linked in his mind. Leaving school he found work as a journalist on local papers, but with the outbreak of the Second World War was called up to serve with the Royal Artillery. He returned to journalism when the war was over, becoming zoological correspondent for the Manchester Guardian. In 1951 he was appointed European science writer for the The New York Times and in 1953 was given the post of biological consultant for the New Scientist.

It was not until he was in his early forties that Hillaby began to walk, preparing for a trek across the burning African deserts by learning Kiswahili and baking his skin on the deck of a Nile stern-wheeler. Everything else about travelling he had to learn once, His grandfather, he said, would cuff the journey was under way. His book cancer. His Journey Through Love 1981, and by to him round the ear if he did not learn describing his adventures, Journey to (1976) was less a coherent travel book first marriage.

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duction). Recently he recon-structed and reinstated the

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sponses of Byrd, Morley,

Smith and Tomkins, which

are still in general use where

matins and evensong are

sung. A consummate academ-

ic, his scholarship in these

centuries transformed perfor-mance and practice in the

postwar decades and laid the

textual foundations on which

the Early Music movement

Harold Watkins Shaw was

the only child of schoolteach-

ers in Bradford. He attended

Grange Road School, where

his father taught geography and he discovered his love of

music from singing in chapel

choirs. In 1929 he won a

scholarship to Wadham Coll-

ege, Oxford, to read history.

He retained a great affection

for Oxford and was much

pleased with his DLitt, award-

ed in 1967. After graduating in

1932 he spent a year at the Royal College of Music, where

he was encouraged to link

historical and musical studies.

After teaching in London he

was, for three years, musical adviser to Hertfordshire

County Council before becom-

ing, in 1949, a lecturer at

Worcester College of Educa-tion, a position he held until

was to be built.

the Jade Sea (1964), is a tale of wind, dust and stars, of recalcitrant camels and distant tribesmen, and a lone journalist who walked off into the wilderness for the sheer joy of it.

He returned to more familiar climes in his next and most famous book. Journey Across Britain (1968). an account of the two-month walk from Land's End to John o' Groat's. It seemed a journey through time as much as through place. Hillaby trod the length of British history, although his anecdotes of the past slipped as easily from his tongue as the gossip that he gleaned from wayside pubs.

Four years later Hillaby published Journey Through Europe (1972), which took the reader on a trek from the Hook of Holland to the beach at Nice. It is a journey, one reviewer wrote, which "grows green particulars, faint markings, massive reflexes, wiry, keen, bounding lines; and sometimes the mineled forms of his thousand miles become an index to the composite face of Europe." In 1972 Hillaby, who had made a

wartime first marriage in 1940, suf-Theima, a child analyst who died of

1985. At that time he success-

fully negotiated through Ouseley's two conflicting wills

to ensure that all the manu-

scripts in this important col-

lection reached the Bodleian -

including Handel's conduct-

ing score of Messiah, used by

the composer for the first

performance in Dublin in

Shaw was also a fellow and

governor of the college, and at

the college's dissolution he

was the most powerful single

influence in negotiating with the Charity Commissioners to

ensure that the not inconsider-

able endowment, now known

as the Ouseley Trust, should

be made available, as Ouseley

would have wished, "for the

purpose of promoting and

maintaining to a high stan-

dard the choral services of the

Church of England\*. In 1988

he published Sir Frederick

Ouseley and St Michael's

Tenbury: A Chapter in the

History of English Church Music and Ecclesiology. Dur-

ing much of this period he had

been closely associated with the Three Choirs Festival.

often writing its programmes, and publishing its history in

Shaw was finally relieved

from worksday teaching

when, in 1970, he was appoint-

ed Keeper of the Parry Room

Library at the Royal College of

HAROLD WATKINS SHAW

It was during these years, in posts which were less than

satisfying to his scholarly tem-

perament, that he began his

independent work as a musi-

cal writer and editor. In a

world without fellowships or

grants of bursaries, he always

took a certain pride in having

"privately pursued" his musi-

cal interests. He had already

published widely-used works

E. H. Fellowes retired in 1948

as honorary librarian of Sir

Frederick Ouseley's choral

foundation of St Michael's

College, Tenbury, Shaw was

his natural successor and he

occupied the post with distinc-

tion until the college closed in

When, afer 30 years in post.

on school music teaching.

than a web of digressions entangling a grief-stricken man on a quest for solace. But in Journey to the Gods, his last major travel book - an account of a journey made from Athens to Mount Olympus in the company of his third wife Kathleen — he regained his clarity of vision and linguistic agility and the book is alive with his characteristic wisdom and wit, with sharp anecdote and a laconic lyricism.

A respected figure in literary circles, Hillaby, tall, gaunt, and with grey beard and a crest of silvery hair, stood out among the literati, it was said, like heron among partridges. A regular broadcaster and reviewer, he was an inspiration to a whole new generation of walkers, including Fyona Campbell, who consulted him before undertaking her epic trek around the world. Until recently he divided his time between Hampstead and Rosedale in Yorkshire, until, increasingly incapacitated by osteoarthritis of the spine, he settled finally in York four years ago.

John Hillaby married three times. His first marriage was dissolved. His second wife, Thelma, predeceased him in 1972. He is survived by his third wife. Kathleen, whom he married in 1981, and by two daughters from his

Music. In his ten years as

keeper he transformed what

had been long recognised (and

long neglected) as one of the

foremost centres for musical

published, in 1991, his monu-

mental The Succession of Or-

ganists of the Chapel Royal

and the Cathedrals of Eng-

land and Wales from c1538,

which had occupied him inter-

mittently for many years. He was appointed OBE for his

Shaw was a perfectionist

and a powerful advocate of the

causes in which he believed.

He enjoyed forms and ceremo-

nies: he designed rituals - in

Latin — for the admission of

new fellows at St Michael's

College and kept a strict watch

over precedence in their pro-

cessions. He hated humbug

and was impatient with those

he thought were wasting their

talents. But he was generous

of his time and knowledge to

those who wanted to learn,

and he had a sharp sense of

the ridiculous; among friends

he was excellent company, full

of recondite knowledge and

to live on the other side of

Broadheath Common from

Elgar's birthplace, where he is

survived by his second wife,

In retirement he continued

anecdotes.

services to music in 1990.

In retirement he finally

research.

# SYBIL ROSENFELD

Sybil Rosenfeld, theatre historian, died on October 2 aged 93. She was born on January 20.

SYBIL ROSENFELD was a cultured, talented and characterful woman who, possessed of independent means, dedicated her life to public service. unobtrusively undertaken. and to the encouragement and pursuit of research into the

history of the English theatre. Born of wealthy Jewish parents, Sybil Marion Rosenfeld graduated from King's College London at the age of 19 with a first-class degree in English. Her scholarly career owed much to the influence of Allardyce Nicoll, the drama historian, with whom she worked for her MA on the Restoration dramatist, George

Etherege. On completing her degree she was lucky that her finan-cial independence enabled her to pursue the studies which interested her rather than those which would earn her most in royalties. Her Strolling Players and Drama in the Provinces, 1660-1765, was published in 1939 and awarded the British Academy's Rose Mary

Crawshay Prize. She went on to publish further meticulously researched and elegantly presented studies of other neglected aspects of theatrical history, including Theatre of London Fairs in the 18th Century (1966), A Short History of Scene Design in Great Britain (1972), a study of aristocratic Georgian amateur theatricals entitled Temples of Thespis (1978), Georgian Scene Painters and Scene Painting (1982), and a history (1984) of the Georgian theatre at Richmond, Yorkshire,

She was able to repay her debt to Allardyce Nicoll by editing for the press his posthumous book The Garnick Stage (1980). More recently she contributed numerous entries to the New Grove Dictio-

nary of Opera. No less important than Syb-il Rosenfeld's personal research was the warm encouragement she gave to others, especially through her work as a founding editor of the journal Theatre Notebook which, inaugurated in 1945, led to the establishment in 1948 of the Society for Theatre Research for which she worked indefatigably in many capacities until she died. This work led directly to the foundation of the Theatre Museum and of the International Federation for Theatre Research.

Alongside her scholarly work Sybil Rosenfeld devoted great energy to Jewish educational and charitable enter prises, serving for a quarter of a century as honorary manager of the Jews' Free School and of the Bayswater Jewish School as well as running a club for Jewish girls in Pad-

dington during the war. Forthright and resilient, but sensitive and gently humorous. Sybil Rosenfeld inspired admiration among all who encountered her. Her passion for the theatre was not confined to the past: she was a

zealous playgoer.
Only a few weeks ago she attended the International Shakespeare Conference in Stratford-upon-Avon, and on the day she died she visited an exhibition and was looking forward to taking a friend to see *Uncle Vanya* the next day. She gave to the theatre no less than she gained from it.

Rosenfeld never

# RICHARD JOHNSON

Richard Johnson, OBE. neurosurgeon, died on September 21 aged 84. He was born on June 30,

PIONEERING neurosurgeon, Richard Johnson worked closely with two of the three men who would later head the first departments of neurosurgery in Great Britain: Sir Geoffrey Jefferson in Manchester, Hugh Cairns at Oxford and Norman Dott in Edinburgh, each of whom had trained with Harvey Cushing in Boston, Massachusetts. For his part, Johnson was a man of great intelligence and modesty, a technically excellent surgeon and a brilliant diagnostician. He was also - as those who consulted him came to discover - a patient listener who radiated good humour and natural charm.

Richard Turner Johnson was educated at the King's School, Macclesfield, Cheshire. He read Natural Sciences at Downing College, Cambridge, and here he also developed his mountaineering skills, climbing most of the peaks of Europe. His clinical training was at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London.

After qualifying in 1938, and gaining his FRCS, he became a resident at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, coming under the influence of Sir Geoffrey Jefferson. He subsequently passed rapidly through the surgical unit at Bart's, becoming chief assis-tant to Sir James Patterson Ross. Neurosurgery was a fledgeling service at the time, with brain operations being done on Sundays when the theatres were not otherwise in use. Once war broke out, his training continued in the RAMC, taking him to St Hugh's College, Oxford, where Hugh Cairns organised specialist head injury teams to

operate in the war zones. In 1942, at the age of 30. Johnson was sent out to Burma to run the 3rd Neurosurgical Field Hospital, This was part of the 14th Army under Field Marshal Viscount Slim



in South-East Asia Command. His unit was visited by Joyce Grenfell in 1945. In her war diaries. The Time of My Life, she wrote: "Wednesday January 31, 1945. Comilla. Two shows. First at the head and eye extension of number 92 IGH which is housed in the old Courts of Justice and presided over by a brilliant young man called Major lohnson. Both he and the Senior Sister who run it are very enthusiastic and the whole place is keyed to their mood. We gave the show at 5 o'clock on the balcony ... Mr lohnson took us through the head wards afterwards to see the patients who were too ill to see the show."

Johnson returned to England in 1946 and was appointed OBE (mil.) for his war service. In the same year he was appointed Consultant Neurosurgeon at the Manch-ester Royal Infirmary and in 1949 was appointed Huntarian Professor at the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1950 the Manchester Royal Infirmary opened the first purpose-built department of neurosurgery in Britain, and on the retirement of Sir

Johnson became its director. Apart from his operating skills. Johnson was also known for his enthusiastic approach to teaching. He instigated rotational training schemes and set up a rotation between Oxford and Manchester, and developed European training courses in neurosurgery. He also took an active role in the development of the first CT scanner. In 1973 he was appointed to the Central Manchester Hospitals Board of Governors, was a founder member of the European Association of Neurological Surgeons and its president between 1971 and 1975, and. later, vice-president of the World Federation of Neurological Surgeons. Johnson's commitment to

neurosurgery continued after retirement and his opinion was valued in medico-legal circles. He was also a keen gardener, a meticulous furniture restorer and a devoted family man.

In 1942 he married Mairead Farragher who died in 1989. They had two sons, both trained at Bart's, and a

# Church appointments

The Rev Barbara Baisley, Diocesan Vocations Adviser Associate Minister, Berkswell (Coventry): to be also an Hon Canon of Coven-

try Cathedral. The Rev Paul Barnes. Rector. Cusop w Clifford, Hardwicke, Bredwardine, Brobury and Moccas: to be also Rural Dean of Abbeydore (Hereford).

The Rev Dr Colin Beevers. Priest-in-charge, St Michael, Ledbury, St John the Baptist, Eastnor, St Michael and All An els. Little Marcle, St Barthoisenew, Much Marcle, and All Saints', Yatton: to be also Rural Dean of Ledbury

(Hereford). The Rev Roy Bennett, Chaplain's Assistant at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham University NHS Trust: to be Rector. Tenbury Team Minis-

Anglican Chaplain (fulltime), Bassetlaw Hospital and Community Services NHS Trust (Southwell).

The Rev Graham Booth, Assistant Curate, St Mark's, Woodthorpe: to be Priest-incharge, Trowell (Southwell). The Rev Neville Boundy, Vicar. St Saviour w St Mary. Cotham (Bristol): to be also an Hon Canon of Bristol Cathe-

dral. The Rev John Britton, Vicar, All Saints', Harworth w Bircotes: to be also Rural Dean of Bawtry (Southwell). The Rev Dhoe Craig-Wild. Curate, St John's, Chapeltown (Sheffield): to be Priest-incharge, St Andrew's, Brunt-

cliffe (Wakefield). The Rev Duncan Dormor. try: to be also Rural Dean of

Ludlow (Hereford). The Rev Richard East, Vicar, Garsdon, Lea and Cleverton and Charlton: to be also Rural Dean of Malmesbury

The Rev Frances Edwards. Curate, NSM, St Chad, Skerton, Lancaster (Blackburn): to be also Regional Coordinator, Northwest, Church Action on Disability.

The Rev Christopher Entwistle, Vicar. St Paul. North Shore, Blackpool, and Rural Dean of Blackpool: to be Priest-in-charge, St Helen, Overton, and Chaplain to Heysham Power Station (Blackburn). The Rev Christopher Eyden,

Curate. St Peter. Ealing

(London): to be Team Vicar, St

The Rev Stephen Harrop. Industrial Chaplain and Chaplain, Kidderminster College (Worcester): to be Deputy Chaplain, HM Pris-

Mark and St John, Wimble-

don (Southwark).

on, Brixton (Southwark). The Rev Janet Heath. Assistant Curate, St Simon and St Jude. Rainworth: to be Associate Priest, St Edmund King

and Martyr, Mansfield

The Rev Charmaine Host,

Woodhouse (Southwell).

Associate Minister, Whitnash, Learnington Soa: to be Vicar, Kineton and Combroke w Compton Verney (Coventry). The Rev Christopher Jage-Bowler, formerly Curate, St Michael and St Paul's, Bristol: to be Assistant Chaplain, St George's, Berlin (Europe).

#### WOMEN IN THE QUEEN'S HALL ORCHESTRA

To the Editor of The Times

Sir. — Will you allow me to point out the significance of a new departure inaugurated. after years of striving, by Sir Henry Wood namely, the inclusion of women in a first-class

orchestra. To begin with, the mere fact of belonging to certain bands enables a player to ask a good fee for lessons, and as it is mainly by teaching that orchestral musicians earn a livelihood, it is easy to gauge the importance to women of admission within the pale — a privilege till now restricted, for some mysterious reason, to harpists,

But another point seems to me more interesting. Hitherto, after leaving the musical college, in which perhaps she led the hand or played a wind instrument, a girl found herself cut off from all connexion with music, except through teaching. The effect of this isolation on the music soul can be imagined. An orthestral player will grumble at the grind of rehearsals and so on, but meanwhile he is immersed in the stream, taking in new ideas, acquiring new technique, and equipping himself automatically for the exercise of any special gift he may happen to possess. Is it conducting? If so,

# ON THIS DAY October 21, 1913

**华烈斯科** 

he "fruits of the movement" can now be seen

in the plenitude of women in every orchestra in the world. The news from New York reminds us that |Dame| Ethel and Mrs Pankhurst were militant suffrageries who suffered imprisonment in Holloway

teaching children in the suburbs will not reveal the fact to himself or anyone else. Is he a born repetitor? - and this is the road to the operatic career; unless he has the status of a professional musician it will be almost impossible for him to get a footing behind the scenes. Is he, above all, a composer? If so, it is in the orchestra that instrumentation and the whole complicated machinery of his art can be learnt as nowhere else, unless with an expenditure of time and trouble that not every one can afford.

People often ask, where are the great women composers? I wonder how many great male composers there would be if men had been completely shut out from the workaday world of art, deprived of the bracing, the concentration, the comradeship: the inestimable training and stimulus of professional life.

In may be that time must elapse before we see the fruits of the movement of which Sir Henry's splendid achievement is a symptom; but judging by the portents in science, literature and other branches of art, see them we shall some day.

I am, Sir. your obedient servant, Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc.

MRS PANKHURST RELEASED

(From Our Correspondent)

New York, October 20 Mrs Pankhurst was released from Ellis Island upon her own recognisance and landed here this afternoon. The order was received from Washington shortly after noon. No bond was exacted. A large crowd cheered her on her

The decision to admit Mrs Pankhurst was reached after President Wilson had conferred with Mr Wilson, Secretary of Labour, and the hearing had been concluded before Mr Caminetti, Commissioner of Immigration. The understanding is that Mrs Pankurst will depart after fulfilling her lecture engagements.

arrival.

# THE TIMES TODAY

# NEWS

# Party leaders back moral crusade

John Major and Tony Blair backed Frances Lawrence's call for a national movement to tackle violence and promote good citizenship. The party leaders praised Mrs Lawrence, whose headmaster husband was murdered at the end of last year, and endorsed her personal manifesto to reverse the deterioration of society. The movement would encourage debate and then campaign for effective action ..... . Pages 1, 14, 21

#### Tax row shakes German coalition

The German governing coalition was badly shaken by a fierce dispute over how to raise sufficient tax revenue to plug the budget deficit and stay on target to meet the criteria for entering the European monetary union. The junior coalition partner Free Democrats were accused of betraying an earlier ...Pages I, 8, II, 2I, 48 promise to cut taxes ...

#### Dream goes off rails

Robert Morton set out to build his dream home, complete with swimming pool, after moving to a smallholding in Lincolnshire. His dream almost came true with the unwitting help of BR. his employer \_ . Page 1

### Major stands firm

The Prime Minister has insisted on the right to hire and fire ministers ins spite of a select committee proposal that any minister who misleads Parliament should

### The wrong ending

Wallace and his loyal dog Gromit were missing, feared dumped, after being left in the back of a New York taxi ...

# Stagg hits out

Colin Stagg, the man acquitted of murdering Rachel Nickell, reacted with fury when a newspaper printed evidence ruled inadmissible at the trial. .. Page 5

#### NHS 'illusion'

The "internal market" in the National Health Service is largely an illusion, according to a watchdog's study ..... ... Page 4

# Ceasefire predicted The IRA will declare another

ceasefire but will attempt to launch further bomb attacks on mainland Britain and in Northern Ireland before laying down their arms, the Chief Constable of the RUC said .....

### Goldsmith target

Sir James Goldsmith, buoyed by the success of the Referendum Party conference, is planning public rallies to try to raise mem-

#### bership to 400,000...... Aberfan remembered

The storms that helped to turn a mountainside into a torrent of mud at Aberfan 30 years ago are now destroying the monument put up in memory of the 144 who died in the disaster..... Page 9

# Paedophile protest

The Belgian Prime Minister and families of alleged paedophile victims clashed as hundreds of thousands of people marched through Brussels in remembrance of missing children......Page 10 Lebed's successor

#### President Yeltsin sought to calm the turmoil within his administration by appointing a tame

Kremlin insider to replace General Aleksandr Lebed ...... Page 11 Clinton's key voters President Clinton and Bob Dole divide America's male vote almost equally but Mr Clinton leads by 20 to 30 points among women, and that in a nutshell is

why the President is cruising to-

#### wards re-election .... Heavy defeat

The leader of Shinshinto, Japan's main opposition party, conceded defeat for his group in the general

# ...... Page 6 No sex s'il vous plaît, we're French ■ Sex has gone out of fashion in France with the generation

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that sought free love in the 1960s turning prudish as it enters middle age, an opinion poll has found. The survey showed that the French want less nudity, less sex and more old-fashioned romance, and were offended by some advertisements on billboards and television ...



Apple of his eye: Joshua Redwood, 6, tucked into a new variety launched at Covent Garden yesterday. The Red Pippin, formerly called Fiesta but renamed by fruitgrowers because the original lacked consumer appeal, should be in shops today, Apple Day

# BUSINESS

investors' rebellion: Greycoat, the £500 million property firm, faces a fight for survival as investors call for the sale of its entire portfolio and the distribution of the proceeds to shareholders ...... Page 48

Christmas boom: Retailers are gearing up for big sales in the runup to Christmas...

Emu demand: Eddie George, Gov-

ernor of the Bank of England,

urged Britain to be ready to enter the European single currency at the start of 1999 ... ... Page 48 QPR flotation: Chris Wright, the multimillionaire music and media businessman, is expected to book a profit of more than £6 million from the flotation of Loftus Road, owner of Queens Park Rangers and

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Wasps RUFC ..

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The whole story: The 34-volume Dictionary of Art seeks to encompass everything from prehistoric cave painting to multimedia installations of lesbian erotica.... Page 18 On the podium: Christoph von

Dohnanyi has been appointed principal conductor of the Philharmonia, good news for both the orchestra and the wider London musical scene ...... Page 19 First steps: The Royal Ballet's new Covent Garden season opened with a mixed bill devoted to Ravel's

Wheeldon premiere Page 19 Jazz double: In London, Harry Edison offers playful arabesques on his muted trumpet; while in New York, Ahmad Jamal perfects the minimalist ethic .......... Page 19

music, including a Christopher

# MIND AND MATTER

Baseball and progress: Nigel Hawkes reports on a book which shows how America's national sport can throw fresh light on Darwin's thoughts... . Page 15

### FEATURES

Image maker: "Paula's a very needy person. Someone with a big. deep emotional hole that constantly needs filling. She needed me." Noreen Taylor interviews Gerry Agar, the former PR of Paula .Page 16

Joseph Brodsky: In the first of two excerpts from his collected essays. the late poet argues that to develop good taste in literature one must first learn to read poetry - the most concise way of conveying the human experience......

# TOMORROW:

#### FACE OF ART Picasso's voracious appetite for portraits, showcased in a

LAW to tackle stalking.

# IN THE TIMES

massive Paris show

The Government has promised legislation How will it work?

#### turned to the top of the FA Carling Premiership with a stunning 5-0 victory over the champions.

Golf: Emie Els, of South Africa, kept his unbeaten record in the World Match Play Championship. winning the title for the third successive year ...... Page 27 Boxing: There was little style on the Nile as Chris Eubank won his comeback contest in Cairo and no joy for Richie Woodhall, who lost his world title bout in

Washington ... .. Page 26 Rugby union: Toulouse defeated a tired Cardiff side in the Heineken Cup while Harlequins' French imports inspired their victory over Neath ... ... Page 35 School sport: Eton have yet to

Football: Newcastle United re-

Boodle and Dunthorne Cup for independent schools that their illustrious football pedigree demands. ... Page 31 Salling: Lucy Duncan, sponsored

make the sort of impact in the

by The Times in the BT Global Challenge, reaches the South East tradewinds on Concert....Page 32

#### LOTTERY NUMBERS OF 10. 13. 31. 34. 39. 48. Bonus 33. There were no winners of the £9.8 million jackpot, which will roll over to a predicted £20 million jackpot next week. Twenty-two tickets won £155,251 for matching five numbers and the bonus; 751 tickets matched

five balls, winning £2.842 each

# TV LISTINGS

Preview: Gaby Roslin presents more videos by people unembar? rassed at revealing their travel secrets in The Real Holiday Show (Channel 4, 8.30pm). Review: Prime Suspect 5 proves a cracker for Matthew Bond ..... Page 42

# OPINION

### Memorial manifesto

The powerful words that have come from Frances Lawrence should find an echo across the country today ..... Page 21

Question of questions The sleeping elephant around which each of the main parties tries to tiptoe was awoken in Brighton with powerful effect ..... Page 21

#### Thirty years on

For the sake of all those who lost loved ones in Dunblane it must be hoped that the aftermath of their tragedy is handled with greater sense and sensitivity than was true at Aberfan ...

# COLUMNS ?

### WILLIAM REES-MOGG

European corporatism in the 1980s and 1990s has been an economic disaster. Yet the Catholic Church is still wedded to it .....

# PETER RIDDELL

The real challenge to Parliament is not the executive, but the growth of alternative sources of power, such as European institutions and law, judicial review, the proliferation of regulators...

# John Hillaby, writer, naturalist

OBITUARIES

and traveller; Harold Shaw, musicologist, Sybil Rosenfeld, theatre historian; Richard Johnson, neurosurgeon...

# LETTERS

Tory MPs defend Major's "wait and see" policy on EMU: Allied collusion at Suez; Elizabethan manuscripts for sale; tagging juvenile offenders: Labour's higher education policy....

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# A PHE PAPERS

The British decision to legislate for strict controls on firearms deserves support ... in an area made slippery by the blood of Dunblane, it is necessary now to be extremely cautious. It is best that firearms be banished as far away from society as possible — El Pais, Madrid

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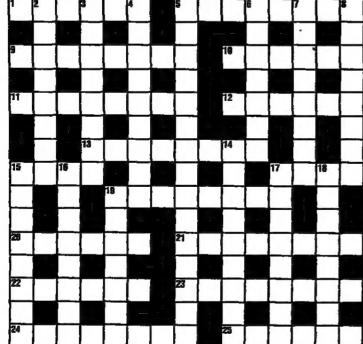
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# THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,304



ACROSS

- I Little pet's mate turned tail (6). 5 Suggested a theologian must ac-
- cept leading position with church 9 Some of Shaw's plays were so enjoyable, others not (8).
- 10 les a republic, sovereign being relatively undervalued (6). 11 Unexpectedly come upon extra
- 12 Fake a French coin once used in Spain (6). 13 Reinforce lock on bar (8).
- 15 Fruit for the fleet? Not by the sound of it! (4). 17 Prepare to fire a chum (4). 19 New start for big cat facing
- unknown danger (8). 20 Fondling worries head of school 21 Real fun I badly miss in Germany

BERLOUP

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,303 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 22 Get volunteers to fill old container
- 23 Partner's partial yet ample handout rejected (8). 24 Sound artist - one superior to
- Constable? (8). 25 Fish with doctor in Arctic waste
- DOWN
- 2 Like deposit on bottle everyone used originally (8).
- 3 Verbal onslaught awful people uttered (S). 4 Argue foolishly about stake bring-

ing security (9).

- 5 When there's a lowering of cover that may be felt immediately? (2.3.4,2.1.3). Former pupil identifying medici-
- nal compound before dawn? (7). 7 Councillor formerly brought in to work for musicians (S).
- 8 Absolutely secure standoff (8). 14 Small current - less than amp on line, in a way (9). 15 Hollow glasses filled with something promising (8).
- 16 "Ring" director who works in the theatre? (8). 17 Travel north about a mile to get to plant (S).
- 18 Ride across island and get shot (8). 19 One who tries frozen stuff and nothing else? (7).

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**HOURS OF DARKNESS** 

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# ☐ General: England and Wales should have a dry day with sunny spells, the best of the sunshine in southeastern counties. Fresher day, with a moderate northwesterly breeze, strong at times down the North See coast. Further rain will reach

North See coast. Further fain will reach the southwest later in the evening Scotland and Northern Ireland targely dry with sunny spelts. Places exposed to the north and northwest will have a few showers, mostly light. A still westerly breeze, swinging southwesterly later. Feeling cooler.

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Liskes, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Dry with sunny spells. Wind westerly moderate later spells. Wind westerly moderate late southwesterly. Cooler. Max 13C (55F). ☐ NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny spells with a scattering of mainly light showers, petering out later as cloud thickens. Wind westerly fresh, locally strong later southwesterly. Cooler, Max 12C (54F).

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☐ Outlook: Rain clearing; mostly dry, but cloudy with coastal drizzle in west.

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